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Israel out of Ottawa talks

By
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OTTAWA —

Even though Israel will boycott the Ottawa round of Mideast peace talks this week, it looks as though the United States may take up the Jewish state's agenda.

Despite a last-minute appeal by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, Israel will not attend the multilateral talks here on Middle East refugees, considered among the touchiest subjects on the table between the parties.

For Arabs, the sensitive issue revolves around the estimated 2.6 million Palestinians considered refugees by various United Nations definitions.

Their major battle cry is the so-called right of return of pre-1948 Palestinians and their descendants to Israel, which Jerusalem rejects out of hand.

But late last week, Baker told a delegation of American Jews that the United States would block discussion at the Ottawa session of Palestinian right of return.

If that happens, the Palestinian delegation in Ottawa, which includes representatives from outside the West Bank and Gaza Strip — non-indigenous or so-called diaspora Palestinians — will have little to talk about.

"We'll just have to cope with it," Eli Zureik, a sociology professor at Queen's University in Kingston and one of three diaspora Palestinian delegates to the Ottawa round, told *The CJN* when asked what would happen if the Americans blocked talk of right of return.

The other two Palestinians from outside the territories taking part in the Ottawa round are Elias Sanbar, a professor at the Sorbonne in Paris and Mohammed Hallha, director of the Washington-based Centre for Policy Analysis on Palestine.

Three Palestinians from inside the territories will round out the delegation.

Syria and Lebanon will also stay away from the Ottawa round. Syria has said it would not take part in any of the five multilateral sessions on grounds that the five rounds of bilateral talks with Israel since last October lacked substantive progress.

Israel is boycotting the Ottawa round and another session on economic development in Brussels this week because diaspora Palestinians are participating.

The United States and Russia announced in January that they would support a non-indigenous Palestinian presence in the two working groups. Canada supports that view in the Ottawa talks.

In a recent meeting with the American Jewish Congress, Baker played down the Israeli boycott, one of the Jewish leaders present said. He said Baker spoke of how some of the other Mideast parties "have not gone to other meetings."

Baker also told the AJCongress that the United States won't try to force Israel to talk to Palestinians with whom it doesn't want to negotiate.

In January, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinian delegation boycotted the Moscow session, hosted by Russia, that launched the multilateral issues talks. Russia refused to seat an expanded Palestinian delegation such as the one Israel is objecting to now.

Diaspora Palestinians have not been invited to the arms control talks in Washington May 11-13, nor to the talks in Vienna on water resources May 12-14 or the environmental talks the week of May 18 in Tokyo.

But Hassan Abdel Rahman, director of the Arab League's Washington-based Palestine Affairs Center, who will be at the Ottawa conference, said, "I believe that progress is going to be made because there will be a discussion of one of the most important components of the Palestinian issues, namely Palestinian refugees."

Israel is opposed to the participation of diaspora Palestinians because it might convey symbolic acknowledgment of a Palestinian right of return to the territory that is now Israel.

In defending their position, Israelis argue that the multilateral talks should reflect the ground rules for the bilateral talks, which do not allow diaspora Palestinian participation.

Israel was reported to have proposed a compromise that would allow diaspora Palestinians to be included among the delegations of the Arab countries where they legally reside, for example Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia.

But the Arabs objected and Israeli officials in Jerusalem vehemently denied last week that they had offered any such proposal.

The refugee negotiations may be the most emotional of all the talks. The Palestinian delegation in Ottawa will urge a right of return for those who left when Israel was created in 1948, for those displaced as a result of the 1967 Six-Day War and for those deported by Israel for allegedly committing violent acts.

The following is excerpted from a statement issued by Israel's Embassy in Ottawa on why Israel has taken issue with the inclusion at the Ottawa round of multilateral peace talks of Palestinians from outside the West Bank and Gaza Strip:

"Inclusion of Palestinians from outside the Territories as partners to the peace process bestows legitimacy to their inevitable claim at the negotiating table for the 'right of return.' These Palestinian Arabs, the majority having left their towns and villages in 1948, have no interest in seeking an accommodation with Israel, but rather wish to 'return' to Jaffa, Haifa and Lod. Consequently, Israel would be flooded with millions of people hostile to its very existence.

"The entry of Palestinians from outside the Territories into the peace process opens up a Pandora's box: it undermines the foundations of the peace process and it gives legitimacy to the concept of the 'right of return.'"

Young and old gathered last week at the northeast Jewish Community Centre for all-day Yom Ha'Atzmaut festivities marking Israel's 44th birthday. [Ron Csillag photo]

Resolution in Congress will protect Jerusalem

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

A resolution has been introduced in both houses of Congress urging President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker to issue an ""unequivocal statement" that Jerusalem must remain an undivided city.

The resolution, which marks the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem during the 1967 Six Day War, was introduced in the House last week by Reps. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) and Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), and in the Senate by Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) and Bob Packwood (R-Ore.).

The reunification will be celebrated on Yom Yerushalayim, which this year falls on May 31.

The resolution "asserts the principle that Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, should remain for all time an undivided city in which the rights of every ethnic and religious group are protected," Solarz said.

But, he added, there is concern about support by the Bush administration over the past year for UN Security Council resolutions that called Jerusalem "occupied Palestinian territory."

This has "raised understandable concern in Israel that Jerusalem might one day be re-divided, and that access to religious sites in Jerusalem might again be denied to Israeli citizens of all faiths and to all Jews," Solarz said.

Moynihan warned that while Israel will be required to make sacrifices for peace, "no Israeli government will continue to participate in a process which it believes might end with the dismemberment of Jerusalem."

The administration has frequently said that it does not want to see Jerusalem divided again. But it also considers East Jerusalem occupied territory and maintains that the final status of East Jerusalem, as well as of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, should be decided by negotiations.

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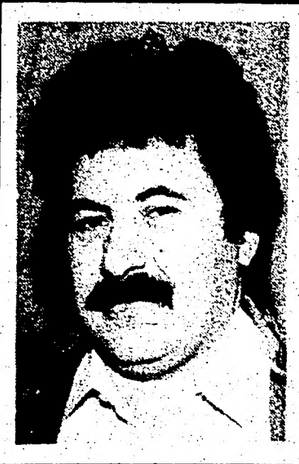

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Yom Hazikaron — Yom Ha'atzmaut

Minister of State for External Affairs Barbara McDougall joined other federal, provincial and municipal officials in bringing greetings from their governments at the annual Yom Ha'Atzmaut festivities last week at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

A clown from B'nai Brith Canada's Upper Canada Lodge provided smiles for kids at the northeast Jewish Community Centre.

Photos by Ron Csillag

Guitarist and crooner Linda Borden serenaded teens at the JCC, who belted out Israeli songs.

Canadian Volunteers for Israel helped staff a booth at the JCC.

Earlier last week, hundreds of Israeli ex-patriates in Toronto packed Northview Heights Secondary School's auditorium for a solemn Yom Hazikaron service to pay tribute to Israeli soldiers killed in the country's various campaigns.

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Anti-Semitic posters found

MONTREAL —

Posters of a viciously anti-Semitic caricature reminiscent of *Der Sturmer* were found in downtown and east end Montreal.

Canadian Jewish Congress' Jack Jedwab said the poster is the worst piece of hate propaganda he's seen in Montreal, while B'nai Brith sees it as a sign hate-mongers are becoming bolder in Quebec.

The poster, about the size of a letter, is headed Peril Juif and consists of a drawing of a yarmulka-wearing, hook-nosed man with spider's legs grasping the globe.

At the bottom is a thunderbolt in a circle and the words, "Texte integral des Protocols des Sages d'Israel."

Jedwab, CJC Quebec region community relations director, said he received reports of the poster being found downtown near McGill and Concordia universities and around St. Hubert Street.

He referred the matter to the Montreal Urban Community Police's security liaison department.

Jebwab thinks the poster was produced by neo-Nazi skinheads because of the thunderbolt symbol, but that no more than a "couple" of people are behind it.

He sees no direct link with the distribution of Ku Klux Klan material recently in Verdun and Sherbrooke or the case of the KKK smugglers who were given minimal fines.

BB League for Human Rights national chairman Stephen Scheinberg, however, thinks the way the judicial system in Quebec has treated racially motivated incidents is emboldening hate-mongers.

"What more proof do our justice authorities require before we see a firm and forthright commitment to halting the spread of hate propaganda in our community?" Scheinberg asked. "The circulators of such materials gain confidence when our justice system fails to make clear that hate propagandizing will not be tolerated."

This anti-Semitic poster was found in different parts of Montreal.

BB also reported the appearance of the poster — in the final days of Passover — to the police.

The reference to the "Protocoles des Sages d'Israel" apparently is drawn from the infamous anti-Semitic tract alleging an international Jewish conspiracy to control the world.

Scheinberg suggested a link between the authorities' not laying hate propaganda related charges against three men who smuggled 1,250 copies of *The Klansman* into Quebec and this incident.

Palestinian cancels lecture

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Palestinian spokesman Hanan Ashrawi early last week cancelled a planned May 8 talk at a Montreal lunch whose co-sponsorship by the provincial international affairs ministry raised concern at the Quebec office of the Canada-Israel Committee.

According to Le Conseil des relations internationales de Montreal (CORIM), the luncheon organizer, Ashrawi begged off because her agenda was simply too busy to allow her to come to Montreal, just five days before a three-day conference on refugees in Ottawa that Ashrawi was expected to attend.

Ashrawi's abrupt cancellation also pre-empted possible action by the CIC, which had scheduled a meeting to consider responding to Ashrawi's presence being co-sponsored by a government ministry.

The concern appeared to be over the possible perception that by co-sponsoring the lunch, International Affairs Minister John Ciaccia's office would be supporting the Palestinian cause.

Besides the ministry, the other co-sponsors of Ashrawi's planned talk were the l'Association Quebec-Palestine, the Fondation Canado-Palestienne; and the Conseil des relations Canado-Arabes.

When contacted by *The CJN*, Manon Chevalier, Ciaccia's press attache, said she was unaware that Ashrawi had cancelled out. But she sounded relieved.

Chevalier reiterated earlier comments that the International Affairs Ministry, while partially funding CORIM, takes no part in selecting or approving participants for its functions.

Nonetheless, Chevalier said CORIM has been notified to "be aware" and to be "more careful in the future" by taking into account the ministry's connection to the organization.

Meanwhile, a CORIM spokesman said that it is hoped that Ashrawi will be able to reschedule her Montreal visit for June.

Quebec camps undergo renovation

MONTREAL —

Camps Kinneret and Biluim in Mont Tremblant, Que., are undergoing major renovations, the first in many years.

Most of the work should be completed by the opening of the camp season at the end of June, said director Gadi Anavi.

The camps are affiliated with the Young Judaea Zionist movement. Kinneret runs a six-week program for children aged 7 to 15, which attracts about 60 campers, mainly from Quebec.

Biluim, which shares the same site, offers a leadership training program, also of six weeks' duration, for 16-year-olds. It attracts close to 90 youngsters from throughout Canada who, upon completion, continue their training in Israel and become counsellors of Young Judaea camps.

"Camp Biluim is considered the flagship of the Young Judaea camps, attracting counsellors-in-training from across the country," said Paula Mendelsohn, assistant director.

Major renovations will be carried out on the camps' common kitchen and dining room, including a new roof and floor, as well as equipment.

Biluim will receive new tents and bases, new showers and washrooms. Kinneret's showers will also be spruced up, and the zoo, which houses sheep, goats, rabbits and the like, is to be updated.

In addition, the camp's infrastructure, especially its electrical system, will be upgraded.

Young Judaea, a movement associated with the Zionist Organization of Canada and Hadassah-WIZO, is marking its 75th anniversary. The campsite was originally called Hag Shema, and was taken over by Kinneret in the 1960s and joined by Biluim in the '70s, said Anavi.

It is the only Zionist camp in Quebec, he said. Although not religious, it is kosher.

Maloney prize offered

TORONTO —

A $500 prize in memory of the late civil rights advocate Arthur Maloney is being offered by the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation.

The contest is for excellence in a learned paper or in the art of advocacy on issues of human rights and religious freedom affecting world Jewry. It is open to law students and to lawyers who have not practisd for more than six years.

Submissions for the 1992-93 prize (covering the year ending Nov. 1, 1993) should be sent to Bert Raphael, president of the Foundation, 181 University Ave., Suite 1812, Toronto, Ont., M5H 3M7.

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Hadassah-WIZO raises funds for Youth Aliyah

Israel tour made impact

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Had Beverly Sills not spent years captivating audiences around the world with her coloratura performances, she might have done so as a professional comedian, the type who transforms real-life experiences into rich, often self-deprecating humor, a talent she displayed last week as keynote speaker at Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's luncheon for Youth Aliyah. Five hundred women attended the fundraiser at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre.

Her career began in the 1930s, when she was a child radio star on *Major Bowes' Original Amateur Hour* and *Major Bowes' Capitol Family*, the program with one of the largest radio listening audiences.

Her father, Morris Silverman, disapproved of such work, believing that only "loose women" performed on stage.

After graduating from high school at age 15, she auditioned for *The Merry Widow:* "I went with my mother.... I had flat-heeled shoes and no makeup, and my long hair was done in one long pigtail down the back." J.J. Shubert asked whether Sills ever wore makeup. "Of course not. She's only 15," Sills recalls her mother answering. "Do you ever wear high heels?" Shubert asked. "Of course not. She's only 15," Shirley Silverman answered. "Do you ever dress your hair?" was the next question. "Mr. Shubert, she's only 15," was the reply. "And Mr. Shubert looked at me and he said, 'Do you talk?' And I said, 'No, sir, I sing,' which I did, and he offered me the job in *The Merry Widow* to tour the United States."

Shirley Silverman mollified her husband's concerns by arranging a roommate/chaperone for their daughter. Following a funny-in-retrospect mishap in which Sills mistook her chaperone's hair dye for her own shampoo, Sills father visited her after a performance. "He did a slow up-and-down. I had made my hair red, had on very heavy theatrical makeup. Do I need to tell you where the *Merry Widow* gowns went? He looked at me and he said, 'You see'?"

Thirty-six years later, Sills retired at age 51 "because I wanted people to say 'It's too soon' rather than 'When will that woman ever stop'?

"I have no idea what this 62-year-old voice sounds like now. I prefer to remember it when it was in its 40s." The height of her career was "a circus," Sills said. "I could not go out to restaurants. It was impossible to have any kind of public life at all. The pressure...was enormous. I was interviewed ad nauseum."

A performing tour in Israel in 1971 "made me feel my roots for the first time," she told the Hadassah women. She met an uncle who gave her hand-embroidered and crocheted heirlooms that her grandmother had made in Europe. She performed free in eight concerts with the Israel Philharmonic ("Don't forget I was the highest paid opera star in the world"), because her mother, who is still alive, told her "No Jewish girl takes money out of Israel."

Fran Sonshine, vice-president, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, presented Sills with a certificate indicating that a musical scholarship had been awarded to a Youth Aliyah student in Israel in her honor.

"I've gotten a lot of funny things, but this is very meaningful," said Sills. "My husband and I would like to contribute to the scholarship, so I'll be in touch with you about that."

The Youth Aliyah movement is involved in the education and absorption of thousands of Ethiopian and Russian olim as well as offering programs to disadvantaged Israeli youth.

Ziva Fichman, a guest at the luncheon and mother of concert pianist Yuval Fichman, who performed at the luncheon, was one of the first students at the first Youth Aliyah village, established in 1932. She credits the education she received there for the accomplishments of Yuval and her two other children.

Arlene Perly Rae, wife of Ontario premier Bob Rae, brought greetings from the government of Ontario. Esther Matlow, president, Hadassah-WIZO of Canada, delivered the invocation.

Sills shows strong character

TORONTO —

It's mid-interview. The photographs have been taken. The photographer interrupts momentarily. "I can relate to a lot of things you were saying about your daughter," he tells Beverly Sills before he leaves. Like Sills, whose daughter is profoundly deaf, he has a child with a hearing problem.

"How is she doing?" asks Sills with an empathy born of shared experience. Her attention is now focused on the photographer, her voice caring. They exchange a few words before she returns her attention to the interview.

Sills, born Belle Miriam Silverman in Brooklyn, New York 62 years ago, achieved international superstardom as an opera diva before she retired from singing in 1979. She was in Toronto last week as keynote speaker for the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah luncheon.

Her personal warmth during the pre-lunch interview was particularly touching given the demands on her time that day. After an early-morning flight from her home in New York, she and her husband, Peter Greenough, headed for the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre, where the lunch was held. Messages awaited her from friends in Toronto, but her tight schedule made it almost impossible to return them. During the *CJN* interview, the only one she granted, a second photographer waited for her to pose. Back pain made sitting uncomfortable, and the day still held her lunchtime speech, an afternoon flight home and a dinner speech at New York's Metropolitan Museum.

Sills has no regrets about her decision to stop performing, she told *The CJN.* Although she has stepped out of the limelight, she retains her involvement in the opera world as general director of the New York City Opera, a position she has held since her retirement.

With a sense of humor and down-to-earth practicality, she brought a formerly elitist art to a new audience. "What is the point of sitting for all those hours and not understanding a single word, or worse yet, pretending that you do?" she asked rhetorically. "I think opera is all about beautiful singing, beautiful music, nice scenery and costumes, and understanding everything that is going on."

Beverly Sills [Alron photo]

Not everybody agrees with Sills, although opposition, albeit from a small segment of the operatic population, was stronger in the early days of her career. Back then, many critics were outraged by the use of English in operas, said Sills. "But a lot of those very same critics speak only one language called English, so how they could comment on somebody being a good actor, I'll never understand."

Her passion for opera is matched by her dedication to the March of Dimes, for which she has helped raise over $120 million for research, educational programs, and projects such as her "pet project," the mommobile, a gutted van fitted as an examining room and resource center for pregnant women and teenagers who live in rural areas or who can't afford proper prenatal care.

With a multiple-handicapped autistic son, a retarded stepdaughter, and her daughter who is deaf, Sills along with her husband have decided to devote most of their charitable efforts to projects for handicapped or sick children.

She is a strong advocate for amniocentesis to detect birth defects in utero. Only 3 percent of women who undergo amniocentesis opt for abortion, she says, distancing herself from the latter issue. "Should we penalize the [other] 97 percent? Today we can correct problems in utero. My eye is on the healthy child, not on the question of whether it should be born or shouldn't. I just want the child that *is* born to come out perfectly healthy. That's its birthright."

To parents of children with birth defects, she offers this advice: "I think the most important thing that you can do is to stop asking, 'Why me?' Get through the moment of 'Why them?' and then bring them up to their fullest potential."

Her own daughter is doing beautifully, says Sills proudly. An executive with the New York Telephone Company, she is in charge of hiring of the handicapped for the company.

As she explains her personal reasons for involvement with the March of Dimes, the world's leading soprano, her lengthy performing career behind her, tells the interviewer with a laugh, "I figured [birth defects are] the one thing I'm a total authority on."

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Pollster to address Plenary

TORONTO —

After recent surveys of Canadian Jewry, market researcher Martin Goldfarb will tell a plenary session at the Canadian Jewish Congress 23rd National Assembly in Toronto next week that a trip to Israel stands above all else as a source of Jewish commitment and continuity.

"Nothing else — not even a bar or bat mitzvah — induces Jewish people to have more good feelings about their Judaism than a visit to Israel," states the prominent Toronto consultant. "We're saying in essence that the trip is a rite of passage. It creates a feeling to the source of Jewish commitment and to the root of Jewish values and culture."

Calling for more money to be put aside for travel for young Jews, he observes that "the visit to Israel creates excitement, involvement, and enthusiasm that changes everything. It has an incredible impact on one's attitude."

Goldfarb will be one of the speakers at a CJC Plenary forum at the Regal Constellation Hotel on Thursday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. entitled: Does North American Jewry Have a Future? Others taking part will be U.S. academics Prof. Stephen Cohen and Dr. Rela Giffen Monson, and Canadian Jewish student leader Joey Felson. The CJC conclave runs from May 20 to 24.

In an interview, Goldfarb, chief executive officer of The Goldfarb Corporation, explains the data on Canadian Jewry is based on a study funded by the CRB (Bronfman) Foundation of Montreal, and another completed recently for the *Toronto Star*. (*The Star* data has not yet been published; some of the CRB material has been released.)

At the Plenary, he will be using the data to discuss prejudice and discrimination and how Canadian Jews are affected by it, and the future of Jewry in this country.

Goldfarb declares that "the data is a marvellous piece of work. It analyzes Jewish attitudes by denomination (Reform, Orthodox and Conservative) . . . And for the first time, data compares and analyzes Jewish and non-Jewish attitudes on a number of subjects — business, consumerism and politics."

IDF soldiers honored

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Despite political disputes between the United States asnd Israel, there is more military co-operation than ever before, a high-ranking Israeli officer said here recently.

"There is more co-operation, more joint exercises and more U.S. Sixth Fleet sailors visiting Israel than before," said Rear Admiral Abraham Ben-Shoshan, former commander-in-chief of the Israeli Navy, and for the past three years defence and armed forces attache at the Israeli Embassy in Washington. "I am speaking as a military man, not a politician."

Ben-Shoshan was addressing a tribute dinner honoring the soldiers of the IDF, sponsored by the Association for the Soldiers of Israel, and attended by 600 at the Constellation Hotel.

The Association finances rest and recreation facilities for Israeli service members at defence posts and resorts in Israel.

The Admiral said he could not reveal a lot of details about U.S.-Israel military co-operation, but he said he felt the time had come to say something about it in view of all the talk about the weakening of U.S.-Israeli co-operation. He said he had much confidence in the future of that co-operation.

"We can't do without U.S. aid, but there is another side of the coin, and Israel has contributed much to U.S. intelligence and we did a lot to save U.S. lives in the Gulf War," he said.

Though he welcomed Arab participation in face-to-face talks, Ben-Shoshan said Israel must be sure that her borders are secure, a statement which brought heavy applause from the audience.

Referring specifically to the Golan Heights, he said: "There we have a direct sight line to Damascus. We will stay there until we know there is no intention to attack Israel.

When he referred to the Middle East negotiations, Ben-Shoshan said again that he was speaking not as a politician, but as a military man.

One of the serious dangers facing Israel, he said, is the number of arms flowing into the Middle East from the old Soviet Union and from Korea and China.

Eddie Fisch, dinner chairman, declared: "This is a dangerous time for Jews all over the world. It is not a question of who or what, just when. Israel is ours, we have the obligation to protect it."

Jack Muskat, Toronto branch chairman, presented Ben-Shoshan with a large coin depicting Jerusalem, while a presntation to Fisch was made by Irving Matlow. Flowers were given to Berta Levin, a Russian immigrant, active in raising funds for Israeli soldiers. Rose Nepom, 93, one of the Association's oldest friends, was present.

David Attis acclaimed as CJC associate chairman

MONCTON, N.B. —

Moncton businessman David Attis has been acclaimed as associate chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Executive after Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa withdrew his candidacy.

Five of the six elected positions have now been acclaimed: author and historian Irving Abella, president; Toronto chartered accountant Charles Zaionz, chairman of the national executive, Winnipeg lawyer Joseph J. Wilder, honorary counsel and Mira Koschitzky of Toronto secretary.

They will officially take office at the conclusion of the 23rd National Penary Assembly of CJC May 20 to 24 at Toronto's Regal Constellation Hotel. At the Plenary, an election will be held for the position of treasurer, involving Stanley Abbey of Montreal and Leonard Goldberg of Toronto.

Attis is an original founder of Moncton's Central Business Development Corporation. A co-founder of the National Small Communities Committee of CJC, he is also a past national secretary of congress and a past chairman and president of the Atlantic Jewish Council. For 10 years he has chaired the United Israel Appeal campaign in Moncton.

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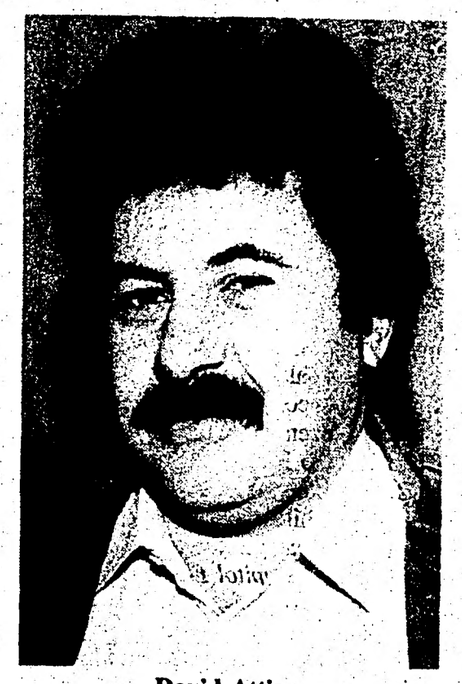

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Ugandan Jews seeking help

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jews can be found in disparate places on the globe, but in deepest Uganda?

It seems so. *The CJN* recently received a request for aid from a small, mainly unknown group of Ugandan Jews.

Members of Abayudaya Congregation in Mbale, a town about 200 kilometres northeast of the capital, Kampala, are asking for help to upgrade their small brick synagogue and to buy religious and building supplies.

"It is a blessing to learn and acknowledge that the Abayudaya Congregation will in future be in contact with Jews in Canada," Aaron Kintu Moses, the congregation's secretary, said in a letter to *The CJN*.

The CJN was put in touch with Moses by Ottawa lawyer Howard Mann, who met him at a conference in Nairobi about a year ago.

There are roughly 500 Jews in Uganda, broken down by Moses as 300 youths, 100 adults and 100 "elders." He writes that there are six synagogues in the country, three in the Mbale district alone. All are undergoing refurbishment from wood and mud plaster, to brick.

The community observes the Sabbath and all the holidays and fasts. There are brit milot and bar mitzvot but there is no shochet (kosher slaughterer) and there are no rabbis, Moses says.

Ironically, Judaism was brought to Uganda by British Christian missionaries. Because of a personal quarrel with the British in the early 1900s, a tribal chieftain named Semei Kakungulu broke away from Christian teaching and began studying the Old Testament. After meeting Jews from other countries and receiving instruction in Judaism, Kakungulu started observing Jewish customs and holidays.

The chieftain's sons also embraced Judaism and a few years later, the nascent Jewish community was strictly observing the Sabbath and had rejected the Christian Bible in favor of the Old Testament. A rough form of Judaism was taught in local schools and the custom of baptizing children was stopped.

Kakungulu established a synagogue on a hill three kilometers from where Abayudaya Congregation now stands.

The community became known as the Abayudaya, which means Jews or descendants of Judah in the local Luganda language.

Today, synagogue services are conducted by elders fluent in English but prayers are read in Hebrew while some of the service is in Luganda, Moses writes.

There is a youth group and a women's organization, he adds.

At one time, there were as many as 1,000 Jews in Uganda but dictator Idi Amin, who presided over a brutal regime from 1971 to 1979, ordered an end to all Jewish services, education and customs. Synagogues were turned into stores or communal kitchens. Many Jews converted to Islam or Christianity.

Moses says that his father was found during this period studying the Bible in his concealed sukkah. He was tortured, but his life was spared when he agreed to surrender to authorities his Bible and three goats. He was also forced to destroy the sukkah.

In 1982 a youth movement called the Young Jewish Club awakened the diminished community and Judaism experienced a rebirth, Moses says.

Uganda's relations with Israel are still strained because of Israel's destruction of the airfield at Entebbe following the daring 1976 hostage rescue operation. But Moses says there are plans to send a few youths to Israel for study.

Today, members of Abayudaya Congregation need building materials and supplies to complete their synagogue.

Also required are prayer books, tallit, mezuzot and a sefer Torah, Moses says.

The congregation also has plans for vocational workshops, a Jewish school, a community centre and clinic, a residence for orphans and the handicapped, a kibbutz and a rabbi's residence (although Moses doesn't indicate whether a rabbi is coming to Uganda).

Since Jewish education is so important to the community, its main priority is to import a teacher of Hebrew and Judaism, Moses writes.

Anyone interested in helping is urged to write to Aaron Kintu Moses, c/o Abayudaya Congregation, P.O. Box 225, Mbale, Uganda.

A member of Abayudaya Congregation in Mbale, Uganda stands next to the community's synagogue.

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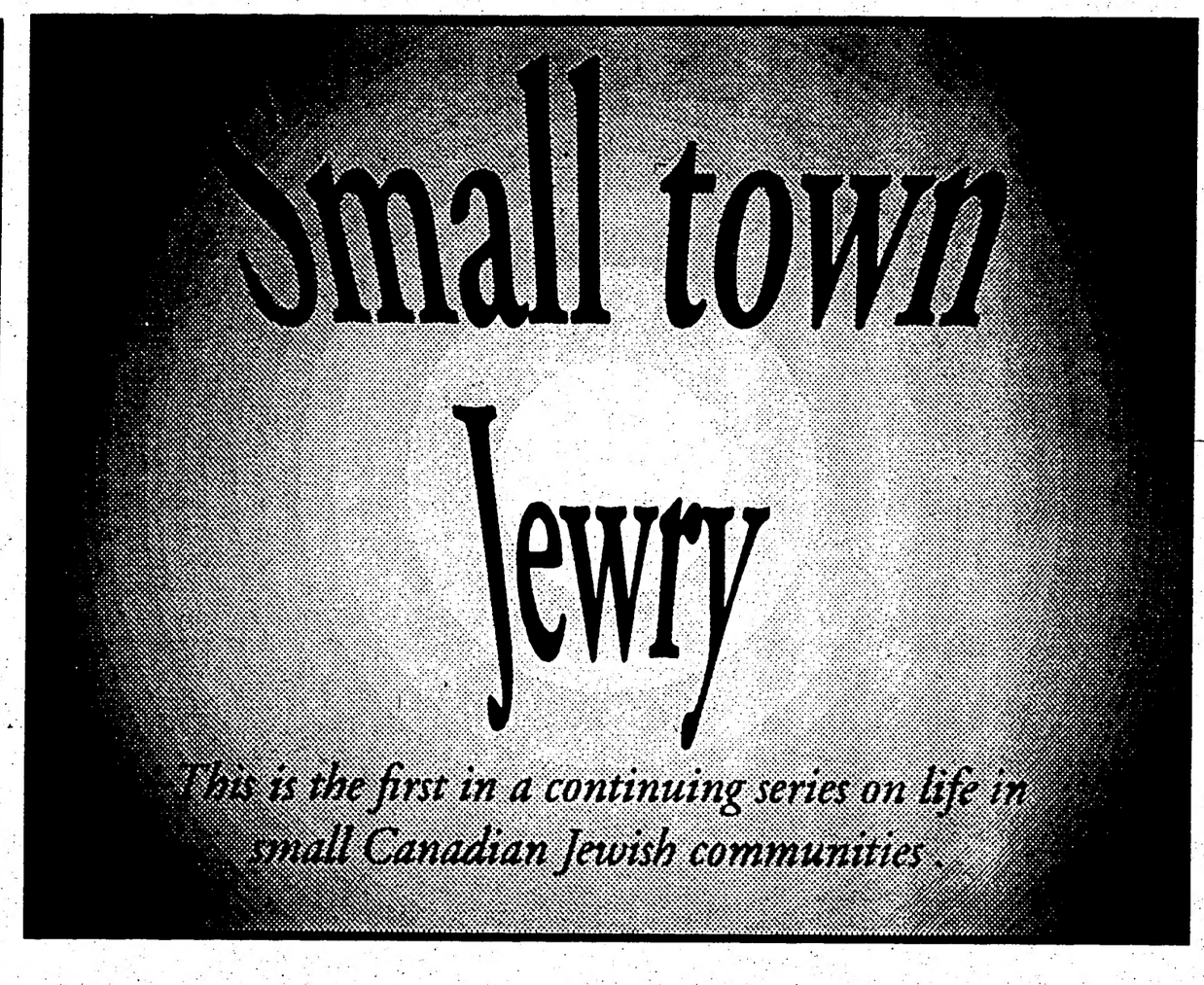

Kingston maintains vital community of 200 families

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

KINGSTON —

For most drivers heading to Toronto or Montreal, Kingston is usually a blur on the 401. But for more than 200 Jewish families here, Kingston is more than just a dot on the map.

Just ask third-generation Kingstonian Richard Kizell, or Queen's University professors Aubrey Groll and Gerald Tulchinsky, or Talmud Torah teacher Marsha Sugarman, or Beth Israel Congregation's vice-president, Myrna Marcus, or the president of its ladies'auxilliary, Marilyn Kogon.

Kingston — a pleasant, leafy town — does not exude the sophisticated gloss of a major metropolis. But everyone agrees that the quality of life and sense of togetherness here are unusually high, and that Kingston's Jewish community is among the most vital in the country.

"The big city bothers us," says Tulchinsky half in jest. "The noise, the hurly-burly, the crime. If I had the chance to move to the big city, I'm not sure I'd rush."

And, adds Marcus, Kingston's unimposing size (its population is about 60,000) tends to bring Canadians from different ethnic and religious backgrounds closer together. As Marcus puts it, "You're able to touch people from all walks of life. It gives you a broader perspective."

Rabbi Marvin Feigenbaum, Beth Israel's spiritual leader, arrived here from Louisville, Kentucky, with his wife Harriet last August, and he is impressed with Kingston. "It's a very committed, giving, basically stable community in terms of growth."

"The community is vibrant and strong," adds Herb Basser, a Torontonian who teaches Jewish studies at Queen's.

Jewish communal life revolves around Beth Israel, an Orthodox synagogue founded in 1910, and Iyr Ha-Melech, a Reform congregation established in the mid-1970s. Beth Israel's membership consists of about 140 families, while Iyr Ha-Melech's is made up of some 50 families. By all accounts, a fairly substantial number of Jews are unaffiliated.

Jewish Orthodoxy in Kingston is not as strict as it is in Toronto or Montreal. "We have an Orthodox synagogue, but very few Orthodox Jews, maybe two or three families," points out Marion Meyer, president of the Jewish Community Council. Rabbi Feigenbaum estimates that no more than a third of his congregants observe the laws of kashruth. And one hears stories that Beth Israel would have switched to conservatism had it been able to afford a Conservative rabbi.

After Iyr Ha-Melech's formation, there were hard feelings that it had caused a formal schism in the community. For years, critics obliquely muttered about "that other place." But that era has largely been supplanted by a climate of tolerance (though Beth Israel and Iyr Ha-Melech have separate but adjoining burial grounds.)

"We get along really well," says the temple's president, Bunny Singer, a Torontonian by birth. "We've attracted people who would not have joined Beth Israel. We've brought more Jews into the fold."

Michael Levison, Iyr Ha-Melech's non-ordained spiritual leader and head of Queen's computing and information science department, more or less concurs. "Relations now are relatively cordial, though to some we're upstarts. Rabbi Feigenbaum is probably more open to the concept of Jewish pluralism than his predecessor."

For his part, Rabbi Feigenbaum believes that the level of co-operation and goodwill between the two congregations would be hard to find in a larger centre.

Both congregations offer its members regular services, adult education classes and a program of Jewish education. Beth Israel's Talmud Torah is attended by 55 pre-high school and nursery-age children, as well as 12 high school students. Iyr Ha-Melech's enrollment is 27 pupils.

Fewer than half of Beth Israel's congregants are Kingstonians by birth, and at Iyr Ha-Melech, the native membership is far, far smaller. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, when Queen's expanded, Jewish professors from all over Canada and the United States beat a path to Kingston.

Kingston has also attracted South African Jews, like Groll, a sprinkling of British Jews, like Levison, a handful of Jews from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, Canadian retirees who find Kingston cheaper and sufficiently close to Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, and Quebecers.

And Kingston has lured "economic refugees" from Toronto, says Susan Jackson, the director of community services and youth activities at the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Beth Israel and Iyr Ha-Melech have vastly different memberships with regard to occupational structure. "We have a lot of academics, school teachers" says Levison. "We don't have (Beth Israel's) established, wealthy business class."

Inevitably in a smaller centre like Kingston, intermarriage comes into play, and this phenomenon is evident at Iyr Ha-Melech and, to a lesser degree, at Beth Israel.

Iyr Ha-Melech has among its members 10 families with one non-converted spouse and about 15 families with one convert to Judaism, according to Singer. Beth Israel has perhaps 15 converts in its membership.

Teacher Marsha Sugarman and some of her pupils (Susan Jackson photo)

Rabbi Marvin Feigenbaum and wife Harriet in front of Beth Israel Congregation (Sheldon Kirshner photo).

Louisville rabbi finds new home in Kingston

KINGSTON —

To Rabbi Marvin Feigenbaum, Kingston was terra incognita before his arrival here last summer to take up his duty as spiritual leader of Beth Israel Congregation. "I knew about Kingston, New York, but Kingston, Ontario...?

A native of New York City, Rabbi Feigenbaum and his wife, Harriet, lived in Louisville, Kentucky, prior to 1991. They have three grown children — a daughter and a son in New York City and a son in Israel.

Harriet Feigenbaum's brother, Jerome Lippman, is publisher and editor-in-chief of the Long Island Jewish World.

After 18 years in Louisville, Rabbi Feigenbaum, 50, left because his Orthodox synagogue voted to join the Conservative movement. "Philosophically, we couldn't stay there anymore."

The Feigenbaums like Kingston, the colder weather notwithstanding, and Harriet Feigenbaum is particularly overjoyed that there is a mikvah in Beth Israel.

Rabbi Feigenbaum is also a chaplain. He ministers to the needs of 17 Jewish prisoners in six penitentiaries in and around Kingston who've requested his presence.

Michael Levison, who heads up Iyr Ha-Melech, came here from London, England, in the early 1970s. A graduate of the University of London, he describes himself as a "religious Reform Jew."

Though not ordained as a rabbi, Levison says he is self-taught. **S.K.**

Baker blames Israel for turndown on loan

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Israel did not get the $10 billion in loan guarantees it sought from the United States because it violated an understanding with Washington not to increase settlement activity in the territories, Secretary of State James Baker said.

Baker made the statement to a delegation from the American Jewish Committee last Friday, according to AJCommittee president Alfred Moses.

It may have been the first time the Secretary of State had recounted on the record private Israeli assurances against expanding settlements. These commitments were not raised publicly during the negotiations earlier this year between Israel and the White House over terms for securing the guarantees.

The commitment not to increase the pace of building settlements in the West Bank and Gaza was made in February 1991 as a condition for receiving guarantees for $400 million in loans to finance housing for new immigrants. Those guarantees had been authorized by Congress the previous autumn.

The meeting with eight AJCommittee leaders, like a similar one the previous Monday with leaders from the American Jewish Congress, seemed designed to help repair the rift between American Jewry and the administration that was opened by the bruising battle over the $10 billion in loan guarantees.

The earlier set of loan guarantees was accompanied publicly by an October 1990 letter from Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy to Baker, in which Israel promised to keep the United States informed about expenditures in the territories.

The Government Accounting Office charged subsequently that "incomplete information was provided" and that Israel had failed to live up to the letter's promise of full disclosure.

But reports of private commitments not to expand settlement activity beyond the existing "baseline" rate of growth, as Baker put it Friday, surfaced in the Israeli press last year.

As recounted through a series of leaked documents, the United States had expressed concern over reported Israeli plans to build 12,000 new housing units in the territories over a three-year period. In reply, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's office assured Washington that Israel had plans to build no more than 1,200 units, roughly the number it had built the year before.

On the basis of that official Israeli denial, the loan guarantees were then released.

As it turned out, building starts in the West Bank and Gaza rose to 8,110 in 1991, according to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics.

State Department officials, among them Dennis Ross, director of the State Department's policy planning staff, have previously indicated that the tripling of settlement starts in the aftermath of the 1991 "assurances" led the administration to take its hard line stance on the $10 billion in loan guarantees.

The president promised to veto any congressional authorization of the guarantees which did not prohibit all new construction after Jan. 1, 1992.

Faced with this condition, Israel's supporters in Congress put aside the request for the guarantees, though they say the issue will be raised again following elections in the United States and Israel.

AJCommittee president Moses said that the U.S.-Israeli understanding was news to him.

"What I had heard before is that a major reason for the administration's ultimate stance on loan guarantees was indignation and outrage on how the $400 million was handled. I had not heard there was an understanding outside the document itself, that there would be no increase over the baseline.

"I had not heard that a specific understanding had been reached, and had been breached," said Moses, who described Baker's account of the understanding as "quite explicit."

The discussion between Baker and AJCommittee leaders also dealt with Syria, Iran, Iraq, and non-conventional weaponry.

Moses said that regarding the peace talks, Baker foresees an agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians on a self-governing authority in the territories.

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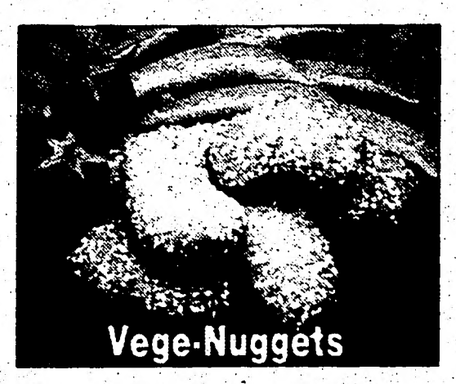

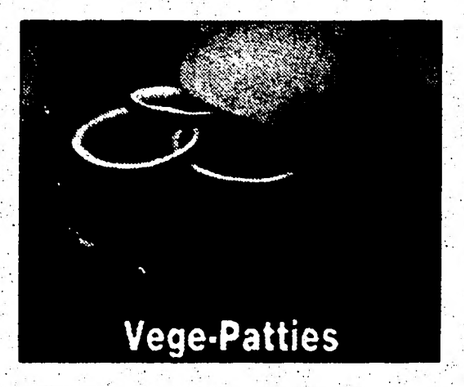

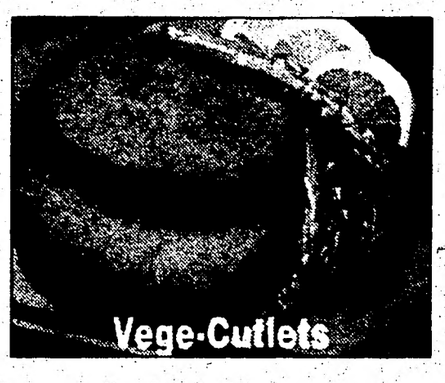

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World

Syria still seen as sponsor of terrorism

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Syria last year continued to provide "support and safe haven to a number of groups that engage in international terrorism" the State Department says in its latest report on global terrorism.

As a result, Syria will remain on the U.S. government's list of state sponsors of terrorism, as it has been since the list was first compiled in 1979.

Countries on the list cannot receive U.S. foreign aid or any goods or technology that would enhance its military capability or ability to aid terrorist groups.

The report found that the number of international terrorist incidents staged by Middle Easterners increased from 65 in 1990 to 79 in 1991, "largely because of a spate of attacks in Lebanon during the Persian Gulf War."

A worldwide increase in terrorist incidents, from 456 in 1990 to 557 last year, was also attributed to the war against Iraq.

But 1991 was the second year in a row in which there was no "terrorist spectacular" incident, the report said.

Nevertheless, Israeli security forces last year "intercepted over 20 attempted guerrilla infiltrations into Israel from Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt," the report said.

"Several of the attempted cross-border attacks were conducted by Lebanese groups and Palestinian fighters from factions both within and outside" the Palestine Liberation Organization, the report found.

"In most cases, the infiltrators failed to penetrate the Israeli border, and the precise targets of the attacks were not clear," it said.

The State Department report did find that Syria itself has not "sponsored any international terrorist attacks outside Lebanon since 1987," a conclusion that would appear to absolve it of any role in the December 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

But the report said that Syria continues to provide sanctuary to such groups as the Hezbollah, dedicated to creating an Iranian-style Islamic republic in Lebanon, and the Fatah Revolutionary Council, led by Abu Nidal.

The Abu Nidal group, which split from the PLO in 1974, is suspected of carrying out the January 1991 assassinations in Tunisia of PLO deputy chief Abu Iyad and PLO security chief Abu Hul, the State Department said.

Also in Syria is the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, founded in the 1970s by militant Palestinian fundamentalists in the Gaza Strip. The group is committed to destroying Israel through holy war and also opposes moderate Arab governments.

It was the Palestinian Islamic Jihad that attacked a tour bus in Egypt in 1990 that killed 11 people, including nine Israelis.

The group also operates in Jordan, as do PLO elements and the Islamic fundamentalist group Hamas, the report found. But it said that "Jordanian security services are alert to attempted terrorist acts and have detained members of groups" who have been "accused of inciting violence."

Likewise, Egypt last September arrested armed Islamic Jihad agents "who had entered Egypt with the intention of committing terrorist acts," the report said.

Saudi Arabia, which unlike the other countries does not share a common border with Israel, "decries acts of terrorism allegedly committed in the name of the Palestinian cause," the report said.

Israel plans to celebrate reunification

JERUSALEM —

The year 1992 will take on special significance for Israel as the country focuses on the 25th year of reunification of one of the world's most sacred cities, Jerusalem.

The Government of Israel's ministerial committee of symbols and festivals, headed by Gideon Patt, Israel's minister of tourism, has chosen the central theme to celebrate the anniversary from the Book of Psalms, "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem" (Psalms. 122:6). The city will be the site of many cultural events scheduled not only for the actual work of reunification, May 16 - 21, but also throughout the year. Reunification Week will be marked by daily firework displays.

Other cultural events include a week of Jewish Humor to be celebrated June 9-13 and a week of Mediterranean music, with the participation of music groups and singers from Turkey, Greece and other countries, planned for June 21-27.

During the first week of July, Jerusalem will be host to a delegation of various theatre groups, as well as an art exhibit from Moscow. An international Film Festival will be held from July 8-19 at Jerusalem's Cinematheque and from July 19-25, there will be an exhibition entitled Building in Jerusalem which will be accompanied by lectures on the nature of Jerusalem's architecture.

The annual Zimriya, the international song festival, will take place in Jerusalem, July 27 to August 6. This will be followed by a week of Praise to Jerusalem from August 8-13, and will include musical and choral performances throughout the city. The week will culminate in a major concert, called Concert of Love, taking place at the Sultan's Pool, with the majestic view of the Old City as a natural backdrop.

An international Puppet Theatre Festival will be held in Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Garden from August 13-18, and the artists' quarter, Hutzot Hayotzer, will open up its doors to fellow artists from around the world for the first time ever.

"Jerusalem is not only one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is a city of utmost importance to three monotheistic religions and to millions of people. It is the pride of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel. We will commemorate its quarter century of reunification with festivities and other events, including conventions, tours of the city, competitions, posters, banners, a special commemorative coin, and postage stamps," said Patt.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

NADLER — BAUMSTEIN

Toby Nadler, of Vancouver, B.C., enquires about her married name and maiden name.

She correctly surmises that Nadler denotes a tailor. While the literal translation is Schneider, there are many surnames based on the tools of the trade like:

Fingerhut — thimble; Sher — shear; Nadel — needle.

Her maiden name, Baumstein — literally tree stone, may refer to a petrified forest or may be a garbled version of Braunstein — brown stone, Yiddish for amber.

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MALKEN

Bertha Malkin Allen, of Willowdale, seeks information about her maiden name. I give her credit for reporting that her father came from Mogilev which would be very helpful where the surname is toponymic — that is, derived from a shtetl or region, but which, in the case at hand, is irrelevant.

Malkin is a matryonymic name, honoring a female ancestor rather than the more common patronymic names like Abrahamson, Isaacovitz and Jacobs. Matronymics are unique to Jewish culture.

Malkah is the Hebrew name for queen and as a given name may be compared to Queenie in English and Regina in Latin. It belongs to that series of names that honors mothers like Rachlin (Rachel), Estrin (Esther), and Rivkin (Rivka, which in English is Rebecca).

She is puzzled by the fact that many Malkins are not Jewish.

It is pure coincidence that the English name Malkin or Malin is also matronymic derived from Malle a pet form of Mary.

Malin is also a Russian surname derived from the word Maly — meaning little one.

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The News in Brief

Another Orthodox party

JERUSALEM — A lively battle for the heredi vote seems to be shaping up with Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz's announcement that he is creating yet another Orthodox party.

It will be called Moriah and will appeal not just to haredim, the strictly Orthodox, but to a broader segment of the public, according to Peretz.

The minister, who is rabbi of Ra'anana, has been an independent member of the Knesset since he broke with the haredi Sephardic Shas party two years ago.

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Offices merge

GENEVA — Israel has established full diplomatic relations with Leichtenstein, the tiny principality high in the Alps between Switzerland and Austria.

Leichtenstein, with an area of 61 square miles has had no formal diplomatic relations with any country, though it has maintained consulates in Switzerland.

The German-speaking nation, not quite as large as Washington D.C., has been independent since 1866 and is credited with being the world's richest country per capita.

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Reservist killed

JERUSALEM — A case of mistaken identity resulted in the death of an Israel Defence Force reservist Sunday night and the suspension of his commanding officer for negligence.

Reserve Sgt. Ya'acov Scheinman, 24, of Rishon le-Zion was fatally shot by the mukhtar — head man — of the Fara refugee camp near Nablus, an appointee of the Israeli civil administration in the West Bank.

He told questioners after the incident that he mistook an IDF unit approaching his house for intifada activists aiming to harm him for collaboration, and fired in self-defense.

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Offices merge

JERUSALEM — The United Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal, and Council of Jewish Federations have announced their Israel offices will soon merge to "provide more effective service to Jewish communities."

UJA national chairman Marvin Lender said in a statement to the organization's board of trustees that this move would give all the participating agencies "an even more substantial impact than they have had individually in their relatiolnship with the Israeli government and the Jewish Agency."

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Shades of Hitchcock

TEL AVIV — A flock of ravens have attacked residents on Tel Aviv's Shalom Aleichem Street. A woman and her son were lightly injured as she was knocked down by one of the raging birds.

The attack started last Friday night about 10 p.m. as a few dozen of the large birds gathered on rooftops and electrical wires, but the real trouble did not begin until Saturday. "They started to attack anybody who ventured into the street," a neighbor told *The Jerusalem Post*.

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Too many dentists

JERUSALEM — An "oversupply" of dentists from the former Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries has left dentists complaining that they don't have enough patients.

A survey of 800 dentists found that 80 percent didn't have enough work to do, and three-quarters claimed there were "too many" dentists in the area where they live.

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30,000th Briton arrives

JERUSALEM — The 30,000th immigrant from Britain arrived in Israel last week amid festivities surrounding the arrival of his family as well as the preparations for Independence Day. "It adds a bit of spice to our aliya," said Jeremy Bentley, who arrived with his wife and son. "The flags are out, and that is what we are here for too: our independence."

The 30,000 British immigrants represent 10 percent of the British community, the highest percentage of immigrants from a western country, according to the British Olim Society and the world Zionist Organization.

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Holocaust monument

LOS ANGELES — With the lighting of gas flames atop six stark columns of black granite, the Los Angeles Holocaust Monument was recently dedicated at a public park.

The triangular 24-foot high columns, symbolizing both the 6 million dead and crematoria smoke stacks, are encircled by inscriptions listing the number of Holocaust victims from each European country, and by another ring with the names of concentration and extermination camps.

The privately funded $2.6 million monument now gives Los Angeles three Holocaust memorials. The two others are the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which is now completing its Beit Hashoah/Museum of Tolerance and the Jewish Federation Council's Martyrs Memorial, which is affiliated with Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

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Sharansky out

JERUSALEM — Natan Sharansky has dropped out of the election race almost as suddenly as he entered it two weeks ago.

The longtime Refusenik and "prisoner of Zion" in the former Soviet Union admitted at a news conference last week that he could not put together a cohesive list of candidates in time for the Knesset elections on June 23.

Sharansky created some political excitement when he announced in Yediot Achronot on April 20 that he hoped to lead a mixed slate of immigrants and veteran settlers that would make immigrant absorption the No. 1 national priority.

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Beauty queen murder

TEL AVIV — A lurid murder was solved within hours by Israeli police last week when a 22-year-old suspect from Carmiel in Galilee confessed to beating and strangling his 16-year-old ex-girlfriend in a fit of rage.

Only 36 hours after she was reported missing, the battered body of Caroline Sten, a local beauty queen, was discovered in underbrush on a roadside less than two miles from Carmiel.

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Palestinian inmate killed

TEL AVIV — A Palestinian inmate was shot dead last week by a Ketziot detention camp guard after he attempted to attack a military police guard, according to an army statement.

In another incident, a man was shot dead while attempting to stab two Israeli soldiers in Gaza.

The army statement said that the prisoner had been released from his cell to distribute breakfast at the Ketziot military detention and prison camp in the Negev.

Once released, Ahmed Barakat, 25, pulled out a sharpened fragment of an asbestos roof and tried to stab the guard.

In Gaza, a Palestinian detained by an army patrol for what the army called "a routine identity check" pulled out a knife and stabbed a soldier in the hand.

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IDF loses hill

TEL AVIV — The Israel Defence Force is searching for a hillock it seems to have mislaid.

Officers returning from Passover leave discovered the mound they had used for training purposes on the Golan Heights was missing.

A Druse from Majdal Shams village was detained on suspicion that he bulldozed it away. But the IDF could not say why he would move it and could not locate its remains.

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Holocaust memories

TEL AVIV — An oral history project will be infused with the personal recollections of hundreds of immigrants from the former Soviet Union whose exploits as partisan fighters against the Nazi invaders in World War II were long suppressed by the Kremlin.

The immigrants responded to appeals by Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot north of Acre, which houses one of the largest museums and documentation centres devoted to the Holocaust and Jewish resistance.

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Widow loses appeal

AMSTERDAM — The widow of a Dutch Nazi lost her appeal against a $2,500 fine imposed for the anti-Semitic passages in her autobiographical book *In Search of My Wedding Ring*, published last year.

The Higher District Court in Arnhem upheld the penalty a lower court imposed on Flora Rost van Tonnigen, whose book sought to justify her late husband, Meinoud Rost van Tonnigen, one of the most notorious Nazis in Holland.

The wealthy couple often entertained Dutch and other neo-Nazis at their villa, a practice the widow continued after her husband's death.

Moshiach Matters

Moshiach Ben Yossef

Jewish tradition speaks of two redeemers, each one called Moshiach. Both are involved in ushering in the Messianic era. They are *Moshiach ben David* and *Moshiach ben Yossef*.

The term *Moshiach* unqualified always refers to Moshiach ben David (Moshiach the descendant of David) of the tribe of Judah. He is the actual (final) redeemer who shall rule in the Messianic age.

Moshiach ben Yossef (Moshiach the descendant of Joseph) of the tribe of Ephrayim (son of Joseph), is also referred to as Moshiach ben Ephrayim, Moshiach the descendant of Ephraim. He will come first, before the final redeemer, and later will serve as his viceroy.

The essential task of Moshiach ben Yossef is to act as precursor to Moshiach ben David: he will prepare the world for the coming of the final redeemer. Different sources attribute to him different functions, some even charging him with tasks traditionally associated with Moshiach ben David (such as the ingathering of the exiles, the rebuilding of the Bet Hamikdash, and so forth).

Moshiach ben Yossef will *not* have to appear... All depends on the spiritual condition of the Jewish people.

The principal and final function ascribed to Moshiach ben Yossef is of political and military nature. He shall wage war against the forces of evil that oppress Israel. More specifically, he will do battle against Edom, the descendants of Esau. Edom is the comprehensive designation of the enemies of Israel and it will be crushed through the progeny of Joseph. Thus it was prophesized of old, "The House of Jacob will be fire and the House of Joseph a flame, ane the House of Esau for stubble.." (Obadiach 1:18): "the progeny of Esau shall be delivered only into the hands of the progeny of Joseph."

The immediate results of this war will be disastrous: Moshiach ben Yossef will be killed. His death will be followed by a period of great calamities. These new tribulations shall be the final test for Israel, and shortly thereafter Moshiach ben David shall come, avenge his death, resurrect him, and inaugurate the Messianic era of everlasting peace and bliss.

This, in brief, is the general perception of the "second Moshiach," the descendant of Ephraim.

Quite significantly, R. Saadiah Gaon (one of the few to elaborate on the role of Moshiach ben Yossef) notes that this sequence is not definite but contingent! Moshiach ben Yossef will *not* have to appear before Moshiach ben David, nor will the activities attributed to him or his death have to occur. All depends on the spiritual condition of the Jewish people at the time the redemption is to take place:

If Israel shall return to G-d on their own and make themselves worthy of the redemption, there is *no need* for the trials and tribulations associated with the above account of events related to Moshiach ben Yossef. Moshiach ben David will come directly and redeem us.

Moreover, even if will there be a need for the earlier appearance of Moshiach ben Yossef, the consequences need not be as severe as described. Our present prayers and meritorious actions can mitigate these.

It follows, then, that all the above is not an essential or unavoidable part of the Messianic redemption that we await. Indeed, it - (and the same may be said of the climactic war of Gog and Magog) - may occur *(or may have occurred already!)* in modified fashion. This may explain why Rambam does not mention anything about Moshiach ben Yossef.

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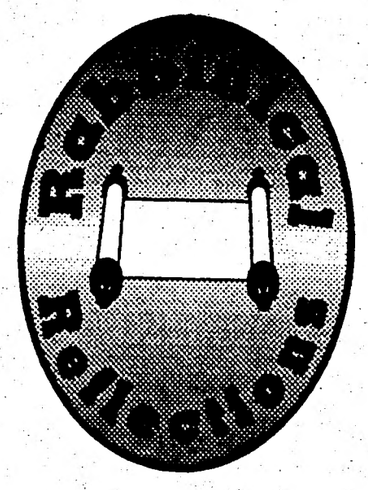

By
RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sidrah we read of the mitzvah of counting the Omer. These days are generally days of mourning, as during this period the students of Rabbi Akivah perished. Their punishment was exacted "because they did not show respect for one another." The Talmud tells us that when Rabbi Eliezer was ill his students came to learn how to merit entrance to the World to Come. Among other advice, his first words were, "Be careful with the honor of your friends."

We do not understand precisely how Rabbi Akivah's students transgressed a basic dictum of the Torah. Be that as it may, it is certainly an appropriate time to reflect on how we should show respect; and how we should *not* show *disrespect* to one another.

Our first lesson can easily be a rephrasing of "love your fellowman as yourself." In fact it was Hillel who taught, "What you dislike, do not do unto others." It's amazing what a man does or does not do for his own "kovod" (honor and respect). We ourselves easily get embarrassed; we object when people make fun of us or belittle us; we hate being teased, mistreated, aggravated, or inconvenienced; we dislike sarcasm, being taken for granted, being interrupted when we are talking. We disapprove of a million and one other things! But when the tables are turned, how careful are we to refrain from doing to others these very same things that we dislike? Do we delight at another's misfortune; are we constantly fault-finding and critical; do we respect another's time, his possessions, and property?

What about the positive things that we do like? We like to be greeted warmly and with a smile; to be appreciated and complimented; to be treated fairly, courteously, and with civility; we like thoughtfulness, comfort, and convenience. We like a million and one things!

Two other comments. Have you ever noticed how we usually act when we are with strangers? We try to put our best foot forward, to make good impressions. But "menschlechkeit" begins at home. How do we treat our parents, spouses, children? When was the last time we thanked our wife for the beautiful home she keeps, for the meals she prepares, for the way she takes care of the children? When was the last time we complimented our children for their good work at school, for their good behavior, for their help at home? When was the last time that we really inconvenienced ourselves for our parents, to pay back just a fraction of the debt that we owe them for the years they inconvenienced themselves to take care of us?

There's so much unhappiness in the world; so much sickness, misfortune, frustration; so much discouragement, sadness, and so many difficulties. How easy it is to give someone hope, encouragement, happiness, friendship, cheer, and kindness. And it doesn't really have to cost us financially. To display good manners, to be caring and courteous; to be thoughtful and sharing, sometimes takes a little thought, effort, and planning. But most often what it really requires is a change of attitude, of habit, of desire. It means wanting to give rather than always taking; it means thinking of another rather than always thinking of ourselves. And this is usually as easy to give and as valuable as a smile.

"A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor that he cannot be enriched by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad; it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone unless it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, for no one needs a smile as much as he who has none to give." (Author unknown)

The greatest way to bring honor to ourselves, says the Mishnah, is to honor others. Let's start being selfish, the Torah way!

(Rabbi Aaron Levine is an educator, lecturer and author living in Toronto.)

Huge Israel growth predicted

JERUSALEM — Israel will be the largest Jewish centre in the world by the year 2000, Jewish Agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz has predicted.

If that prediction holds true, about half the world's Jewish population would then be living in Israel. For the first time, there would be more Jews in Israel than in the United States, Dinitz said at a festive meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive this week.

According to the most recent statistics, there are about 12.8 million Jews in the world, of whom 4,175,000 reside in Israel and 5,535,000 in the United States.

Dinitz warned, however, that the number of Jews is decreasing rapidly because of intermarriage and a low birthrate.

Israel's total population is 5,090,000, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Jews make up 82 percent of that total; Muslims, numbering 700,000, represent 13.8 percent. The rest of the population is composed of 132,000 Christians, or 2.5 percent, and 85,000 Druse, or 1.7 percent, the government statistics agency reported.

The population grew by 4.3 percent in 1991, compared to a 5.9 percent growth rate the previous year. Two-thirds of the increase was due to immigration.

Dinitz disclosed Tuesday that 2,228,444 immigrants have come to Israel since the state was established in 1948. The most recent wave of immigration, from 1989 through April 1992, brought in 418,661, 87.6 percent from the former Soviet Union and 6.8 percent from Ethiopia.

About one million Jews are left in the 15 republics of the former Soviet Union. The rest are scattered in Jewish communities around the world.

The Jewish Agency reported that a total of 43,103 Ethiopian Jews arrived in Israel since the state was founded. Of that number, 7,345 were brought in by Operation Moses between 1985 and 1986 and 14,103 by Operation Solomon last May 24-25.

Since then, another 3,016 olim have arrived from Ethiopia.

About 1,300 Jews are believed still to be living in that country — 200 in Addis Ababa, the capital; 450 in Gondar province and the rest scattered in villages throughout the country.

According to the World Zionist Organization and the British Olim Society, the United Kingdom provided the highest percentage of immigrants from any Western country — 10 percent of its Jewish population.

"NACHAS"

BY MIRIAM LANAIL

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Front Line

Coolness between the sexes may end our culture

COMMENTARY

By
RUTH WISSE

"Have you noticed how cool Jewish men and women have grown to one another?" This question was put to me by a thoughtful young Jew who had married a Christian woman and was now happily raising a family with her in a large American city. Since the "Big Chill" he refers to is much on my mind, I bring you his story.

This young man had always taken it for granted that he would marry a fellow Jew. He had dated many Jewish girls, but he had found not one who shared his values. First among these values were the desire for a traditional family, by which he meant a wife whose primary responsibility within the marriage would be raising children in a firm home and community, and a husband whose primary responsibility would be to support his family throughout the child-rearing years. After many years of looking for a partner, he had fallen in love with a like-minded Protestant with whom, paradoxically, he was now raising his family. I say "paradoxically," because the family he is raising is Jewish.

The couple has no illusions about the difficulty of their task. Whether or not the wife eventually converts to Judaism (and there is no assurance that she will), she has undertaken to raise the children as Jews, which means not only providing a Jewish education outside the home but maintaining Jewish ritual and observances within it. To this end, she studies Judaism and keeps whatever customs she can. It helps that she once worked in a Jewish social work agency, and inherits from her Christian upbringing an appreciation for ritual. The couple knows that since the children are not Jews according to Halachah, in time they will have to be formally converted.

Ruth R. Wisse

I doubt that the young man would have done better to marry one of his Jewish girlfriends. The women he describes were "searching for themselves," looking not for a father for their children, but for a surrogate daddy for themselves. If it came to a choice between a gentile woman who wanted to raise a family and a Jewish woman who didn't, he probably chose well, because lovingly raised children may stand at least a chance of becoming Jews; aborted children or the selfish afterthought of middle age will not.

Was such a choice really necessary? Over the past 20 years, I have met a great many young Jewish women who are the very model of the eyshes chayil — the woman of valor. They were similarly disappointed in the immaturity of their Jewish boyfriends, and complained of not being able to find a true husband for the duration.

In fact, from books, movies, and television, we learn that Jewish men of thirty-something and northern exposure, whether imagined by Philip Roth, Bernard Malamud, or Saul Bellow, seem interested exclusively in non-Jewish wives and mistresses; and their reasons are rarely as exalted as those of the young man above. The initial "cooling off" between Jewish men and women surely began with the men for whom the attainment of a non-Jewish woman seemed a rite of passage or a step upward on the social ladder.

But today, when it comes to Jewish mating in North America, indifference is evenly matched, and as far as I can determine, raising strong Jewish families is not a priority of either sex. As a sociologist friend of mine put it, North American Jews seem to be manifesting all the signs of an exhausted civilization that is not interested in mating because it is not interested in breeding. And is not interested in breeding because it lacks the vigor to perpetuate itself.

Many Jewish children raised in wealthy or middle class homes lack either the confidence or the will to follow in their parents' footsteps. Intelligent, capable, and often very charming, they don't seem eager to assume the responsibility of parenthood — which has always been the primary responsibility of human animals — much less to raise a new generation of Jews.

Some try to link these patterns of behavior to the worsening economic climate, that lowering the expectations of the young makes them feel they can never equal the attainments of their parents. There may be some truth in this theory. Yet everywhere around us, urban slums are teeming with children as though their residents wanted to make up in new lives for their deprivation in other spheres.

Adolescents and young adults often find it hard to make the connection between their personal decisions, chief among which is marriage, and the future of their people. Throughout this century, large numbers of Jews have rebelled against the collectivist pressure of Jewish experience, determined to live for themselves. Democratic society encourages individualism, and few of us would wish our lives any more restricted than they are.

Nevertheless, the fate of the Jews depends on the most personal decisions of men and women, and young Jews ought to understand this truth, whatever they may choose to do about it. Their sexual preference may seem a private matter, but its consequences are altogether public. In sum, the coolness between Jewish men and women puts a freeze on Jewish civilization.

OPINION

U.S. approach to talks a recipe for frustration

By
ROBERT RITTER

In the fluidity that characterizes contemporary international politics, one of the critical sources of order and stability is the commitments that governments make to each other.

The so-called "Madrid Rules" guiding the current Middle East peace process represent a complex series of separate commitments amongst the participants and the two sponsoring governments, the United States and Russia.

Linking all of these separate understandings, and giving them coherence, is the agreement of all participants to accept the entire package as a whole. A cornerstone of this understanding is that the Madrid Rules are fixed in place unless there is the consent of all parties to change them.

Central to the current peace initiative is the bilateral understanding achieved between the United States and Israel. In the complex pre-negotiation discussions that occurred in the months immediately following the Persian Gulf War, Israel and the United States agreed that Palestinian representation in all phases of the peace process would be restricted to Palestinian Arab residents of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip without affiliation to the PLO, who would participate in negotiations as part of a joint delegation with Jordan.

These conditions were applied at Israel's insistence for several important reasons. First was the concern that participation of Palestinians from outside the territories would open the door to direct involvement of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Moreover, Israel has a continuing concern regarding the longstanding Palestinian demand for "the right of return" to all of "Palestine" — including Israel proper. While there exists absolutely no legal basis for this claim in international law, limiting Palestinian representation to the West Bank and Gaza, pre-empts to a significant degree this canard from appearing on negotiation's agenda.

Applying a similiar rationale, Israel has insisted that Arab residents of East Jerusalem be excluded from participating in the peace process. Here too the concern is that such participation would imply that Israel's willingness to acknowledge that the status of East Jerusalem is subject to negotiation.

(It should be noted that public opinion surveys consistently indicate that an overwhelming majority of Jewish Israelis contend that the city of Jerusalem reunited during the June 1967 Six Day War, must never again be divided.)

Finally, in restricting Palestinian representation, Israel hoped to ensure that the agenda of the entire Middle East peace process would not be dominated by Palestinian Arab grievances against Israel to the exclusion of the many other dimensions of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The goal of the entire exercise must be a comprehensive settlement of all regional issues.

Israel's position with respect to Palestinian representation was well-known to the Americans. Earlier initiatives launched by Secretary of State James Baker and by his predecessor George Shultz have failed to yield meaningful results partly as a result of disagreements with Israel over this very matter.

However, in the spring and summer of 1991 Baker was seemingly willing to acknowledge and respect Israel's concerns in this regard. More importantly, after a series of intense negotiations, Baker was able to persuade the Palestinians to accept the idea of a negotiating team limited to West Bank and Gaza residents.

Understandings in this regard were formally enshrined in a letter of assurance sent by Baker to Israel's Prime Minister Itzhak Shamir. This letter declared inter alia that at no point in the peace process would Israel be required (compelled) to negotiate with anyone it did not wish to negotiate with.

It is in this context that one must understand Israel's dissatisfaction with the invitation extended (by the United States and Russia) to extra-territorial Palestinians to participate in the multilateral working groups scheduled to convene this week.

This controversy results from James Baker's decision at last January's multilateral conference in Moscow to support the Palestinian demand for broader representation at the meetings of the five working groups on regional issues (i.e., water; arms control; economic development; the environment; and refugees).

Baker's acquiescence to this demand is particularly ironic given the fact that the Palestinians boycotted the Moscow talks (as did the Syrians and the Labanese).

Baker's action was a clear and overt violation of both the spirit and the letter of the Madrid Rules. From Israel's perspective Baker is guilty of sacrificing principle for the sake of political expdiency.

The Bush Administration's need for a Middle East breakthrough is a critical component of his bid for re-election in November, and Baker, a trusted advisor and Bush's campaign manager in 1988 must be acutely aware of the stakes.

Israel's position on the matter of Palestinian representation is principled, moral and correct. In all aspects of the current peace process Israel, has adhered scrupulously to the Madrid Rules. It is James Baker, bending to Arab and Palestinian pressure, who "changed the rules in midstream."

In the context of these negotiations, process and procedure are, in fact issues of substance. It is because of these violations of principle that Israel has felt it necessary to abstain from participating in the Ottawa round of talks on Middle East refugees and the other multilateral working groups.

There is a legitimate fear that by inviting extra-territorial Palestinians to participate in the Refugee Working Group, the co-sponsors risk transforming those talks into Israel-bashing exercise. The session could then serve as a forum wherein Israel is blamed for "creating" the "Palestinian refugee problem" in 1948, and as a justification for the Palestinian demand for a "right of return" to all of Jerusalem.

A manipulation of the refugee talks by the Palestinians in this manner, would not only reduce the likelihood of achieving a meaningful resolution of the refugee problem, but would compromise the credibility of the entire peace process.

It ignores the fact that in 1948 local Arabs were displaced from their homes in the former Palestine Mandate during a war forced on Israel by six invading Arab armies. A similar situation occurred in June, 1967.

Today, more Palestinian Arabs live in refugee camps in the neighboring Arab countries than in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Palestinian refugee problem has been exacerbated by the refusal of most Arab countries to help the Palestinian refugees, either by contributing adequate funds to enhance their living standards in the camps, or by offering citizenship to those Palestinians currently living in camps in the Arab countries.

Moreover, the Arabs have routinely sabotaged Israel's attempts to improve living conditions of West Bank and Gaza Palestinian refugees through the construction of new and improved housing, infrastructure and the like.

Finally, the inclusion of extra-territorial Palestinians in the Ottawa talks will divert attention from the mandated goal of the multilateral working group to discuss the regional refugee problem. Israel acknowledges that there is a Palestinian refugee issue that must be addressed by Israel, the Arabs and the international community.

However, should consideration of the Palestinian problem come at the expense of attempts to solve the problems faced by other refugees and displaced persons in the Middle East?

Even before the exercise has begun, the plight of Kurds chased from their homes by Saddam Hussein's army, the 750,000 Yemenites expelled from Saudi Arabia, the 350,000 Palestinians thrown out of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Oman following the Gulf War have been relegated to the back burner.

Even further down the list of priorities appears to be the 800,000 Jews who were faced to flee Arab and Muslim lands in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

The current controversy is James Baker's creation, and it falls to him to find an acceptable solution — satisfactory to Israel. Baker's refusal to accept responsibility for his actions is manifested in his apparent refusal to press the Palestinians to accept the compromise formula recommended by Israel's foreign minister David Levy (that is, that Israel will accept the participation in the multilateral working groups of extra-territorial Palestinians who are members of official delegations from Arab countries whose citizenship they currently hold).

At the very least, the Israeli compromise is more logical than including Palestinians living in Paris, Washington and Canada as proposed by the Palestinians.

From Israel's perspective Baker's rejection of Levy's recommendation is further evidence that the Bush Administration has adopted a fundamentally unprincipled approach to the current Middle East peace process.

Such an approach is a recipe for diplomatic stalemates and continued frustration.

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More than windows shattered in Toronto

What shattered last Monday night on the downtown streets of Toronto were not only myriad panes of broken glass. It was also our comfort, our sense of removal from urban strife, and our complacency.

What had begun as a peaceful expression of grievances against our rule of law and mistrust of the institutions charged with its enforcement, transmuted into something ugly, fearful, and violent.

In their haste to add distance between Toronto and Los Angeles, many of our leaders and commentators were quick to point out that the Monday night maelstrom "was not a political protest" but rather "the action of criminally motivated thugs."

The *Toronto Star* wrote that "the mindless melee that followed was more the work of young hooligans for whom the rally was an excuse for vandalism and cop-bashing."

This observation was undoubtedly true. But it was not the only truth.

There is an undeniably mounting frustration and disappointment felt by visible minorities at what they perceive is a criminal justice system unresponsive to their cries of discrimination. Equally troubling, and more menacing, is a palpable undercurrent of disaffection and malaise ominously percolating up from within the bubbling nihilistic stew of unemployed youth.

We commend the government's swift double-barrelled measures of appointing Stephen Lewis and Zanane Akande to develop meaningful policies on combating discrimination and youth unemployment respectively.

Until Mr. Lewis and Ms Akande deliver their recommendations however, we must all be reminded that, side by side, we are more than merely a congestion of voters and taxpayers. We are, rather, a community of individuals and families, of neighbors and friends, of differences and diversities, whose chief obligation is the building of a decent, fair, and just society.

The surest foundation to this long-term structure rests on two pillars: pursuing justice and inspiring our youth with a belief in the possibilities of their future.

Arguing for Canada

Two prominent Canadians have made strong statements in the past week (May 5) about the ways in which Canada can maintain its critical velocity as a united country.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Canada's commissioner of official languages, strongly supported bilingualism in his office's annual report on the need to strengthen Canada's official languages policies. Goldbloom stated that a firm language policy encouraging the use of French across the country was an important way to keep the country united.

Responding to criticisms by people such as Alberta's Premier Don Getty, to the effect that bilingualism was a nuisance and a drain on the economy, Goldbloom indicated that the cost of Canadian bilingualism represents a miniscule percentage of the federal government's budgetary expenditures.

Goldbloom's message was echoed on the same day in Chicoutami, Quebec when Keith Spicer, the former commissioner of official languages and now the head of the CRTC, told a group of Quebec nationalists that they were deluded if they thought that separation from Canada could come about without discord or damage.

Responding to objections that he was partisan on the issue, Spicer told a CBC interviewer that his job with the CRTC was to defend the interests of Canada and that his position was far more defensible than Quebec separatists in Ottawa who accept money from the federal government while pursuing an anti-federalist advocacy.

It is heartening to note that on the issue of Canada's continued growth as a unified nation these two prominent Canadian leaders understand that there can be no neutrality where the integrity of Canada is concerned.

Both Goldbloom and Spicer also realize that their arguments often fall on deaf ears. But they understand at the same time that they are not free to desist from the task of trying to persuade Canadians that Quebec is a distinct society and the future of Quebec within Canada depends on reaching political, linguistic and cultural accommodations with that province.

Both Goldbloom and Spicer are to be commended for the strong way they have spoken out about the need for a united Canada.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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MESSIANIC MOVEMENTS

Some weeks ago your newspaper ran an advertisement calling for a cure for Rabbi Schneerson, and this past week you included a glossy magazine devoted to the rabbi's birthday. and his role as messiah.

Perhaps I may be permitted a word amidst these media events? The Chabad movement represents a minority of the chassidic movement, itself part of the ultra-Orthodox (haredi) movement, which comprises many, many leaders, and differing attitudes and practices. Orthodox Juidaism has many thinkers who have little in common with Chabad on the questions, for example, of secular education, the role of women in society, the Messiah, and general tolerance to name a few.

One should also remember that there are large communities of Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist Jews, and an enormous community of secular, cultural, or unaffiliated Jews.

We are fast approaching the next century. If the Chief Rabbi of Montreal and the Chief Sephardic Rabbi endorse cult-like literature which asks children to do good deeds to promote a cure, then they will have no grounds for complaint if, in the next century, the majority of Jewish youth abandons Orthodoxy, if not Judaism, and if they find themselves only with the minority of Jews for whom the simplicity of this movement provides solace from the uncomfortable realities of life.

It seems to me as well, that at some point, *The CJN* will have to ask itself, whether or not it will have to screen such advertising from the point of view of propriety and decorum. Jewish youth may be vulnerable to these movements. More experienced Jews have a pretty good idea of what comes in the wake of these messianic movements.

Dr. Robert Raphael
Montreal

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PLEASE, NOT CONQUERORS

In his letter to *The CJN* of April 16, Ken Rosenblatt attempts to justify the Israeli occupation of the West Bank by referring to the Israelis as conquerors. Shame on you, Mr. Rosenblatt, for agreeing with the very same argument used by Israel's adversaries. Please be advised, Mr. Rosenblatt, that victory and conquest are not synonymous and that nobody loves a conqueror.

Rosenblatt also charges the Women's Committee to End the Occupation with lack of understanding because they have not experienced war. As a war veteran, I can testify that the motive of most soldiers is to defeat an aggressor and not to conquer them. I am also fairly certain that sane and fair-minded people do not harbor the belief that winning a battle justifies the subjugation of any people.

Our disagreement do not enhance anti-Semitism as Rosenblatt suggests. In fact we gain much respect by displaying independent minds rather than puppetry. History exemplifies that ambivalence is the precursory of totalitarianism. Therefore, do not try to disenfranchise us our right to protect what we consider wrong.

Mr. Rosenblatt says that he is proud to be a Jew. Note that persons of whom we are proud, like Jonas Salk, Yehudi Menhuhin, and Louis Brandeis all made a significant contribution to society. None of them were conquerors. I suspect that even Moshe Dayan would be insulted to be called that. Conquering deserves shame, not pride. Please, Mr. Rosenblatt, let us not be conquerors.

Sid Cohen
Windsor

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SETS RECORD STRAIGHT

With reference to the letter from Professor Klaus Hermann (*CJN*, April 2), I should point out that, while I am indeed a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), the synagogue here in Saskatoon is affiliated to the United Synagogue of America (Conservative), and is governed by the halachic rulings of the Conservative movement. The final sentence of Professor Hermann's letter is therefore factually incorrect: I do not consecrate Jewish-Christian marriages.

Rabbi Roger Pavey
Congregation Agudas Israel
Saskatoon

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ON BEHALF OF DO-GOODERS

If "do-gooders pose threat to Israeli democracy" (*CJN*, April 16), does Ruth Wisse want us to support do-badders instead? Or if, "The greatest internal threat always comes from liberals and leftists," how about the internal and external security risks from conservatives who by-passed the Galil to build across the Green Line?

Disqualifying liberals is a popular sport these days, but rather shortsighted. For example, when *Time* magazine recently bad-mouthed Israeli socialists and the kibbutz movement, *Moment* magazine quickly parroted the complaint, accusing kibbutzim and the Histadrut of absorbing too large a portion of Israel's budget. (As if IDF outposts, government absorption centres offering new immigrants health care, clothing, housing, education, and above all, gainful occupation rather than welfare, would cost less per capita if run by conservatives in government or in the private sector, than those run by kibbutzim.)

Does shushing liberals make a Jewish polity more flexible for participatory creative problem-solving? Or is "leave-it-to-the-professionals" obedience your goal? No, "Mere survival" isn't enough, nor is quality of life the private domain of conservatives. And as to "good people who tip off gentile authority," how shy is the conservative faction about using their own very substantial influence locally and internationally?

Sylvia Stipelman
Montreal

Opinion

Jews sympathize with black Canadians

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Not since the period immediately following the end of World War I have I been as emotionally disturbed as I was on Monday night, May 4, 1992, when my TV screen showed the scenes of what became known as the riot and looting of stores on Yonge Street, Toronto's major, downtown shopping district.

Disturbed, yes. But no anger.

I tried, instead, to understand why the so-called "rioters" and "looters" were almost all black Canadians and the "looted" and "robbed" store-owners were almost all "white" Canadians.

One doesn't have to be a sociologist to understand that the Yonge Street "riot" revealed a basic, painful flaw in our socio-economic structure.

Simply put: the poorest sector of our present economic structure — in this case the black Canadians — "helped themselves" to what their low incomes deprived them of owning.

My attempt at an objective evaluation of the "Yonge Street riots" should not, of course, be considered as a defence or an acceptance of rioting by any segment of society; black, white or yellow. It is rather an attempt at understanding what really lies underneath this unacceptable social behavior.

And, as a Jew, that understanding is easier to come by than it may be for the average non-Jew. It is not for nothing that our ancient sages urges us to be kind and considerate to the "stranger" in our midst and to remember that "we were once strangers in the land of Egypt."

J.B. Salsberg

Having said all that, we need to return to what I referred to in the beginning of this column: my experience in Toronto, immediately after World War I.

World War I had ended and "our boys" (meaning our Canadian soldiers who had fought overseas with the British and Allied forces) were brought back home, were demobilized and became civilian "veterans of the First World War." But the vets, especially in the large centres, like Toronto, found that many changes had taken place during their absence overseas. They found, for instance, that "Greek" restaurants came into being on Yonge Street. They also found that "Chinatown" became larger and more prosperous on Elizabeth Street.

Jews didn't draw the ire of the vets because they were then a small community that consisted mainly of garment workers, small storekeepers and peddlers. We, the Jews, were, therefore, of no special concern for the vets.

But, on one early Saturday evening we, my father and his small group of Orthodox friends, had gathered as usual for the collective Shalosh Seudos (formal third Sabbath meal) in their little shtieble (place of worship) on Chestnut Street, just below Agnes Street (now Dundas Street). The meal consisted of challah, herring, a glass of beer and a lot of singing.

While singing with my elders, I peeked out of the window and saw people running towards Agnes Street. I sneaked out of our shtieble and followed the people towards the corner of Agnes and Elizabeth Streets. There we were blocked by police, but we could clearly see that street, then the heart of Toronto's small "Chinatown," totally deserted except for a group of vets who had taken control of it.

They had come to "get even" with the Chinese who had opened tiny stores on that street. There I witnessed a scene that remained indelibly imprinted on my mind to this day.

The door of one of the closed and locked-within Chinese stores opened and an elderly man came out. Many of the aged Chinese still grew and braided, what was called, pig-tails. One of the enraged "vets" (really "pogromists") grabbed that old man by the pig-tail and dragged him down the street. That frightful sight remains with me until now. And it dominated my thoughts when I saw the frightful TV scenes of the Yonge Street riots.

The so-called black "rioters and looters" are no different from the white war veterans who rioted and looted the Chinese shopkeepers on Elizabeth Street and the tiny Greek restaurants on Yonge Street after World War I. In both instances young men, able and willing to work could find no jobs. Both were, of course, wrong when they resorted to looting. But, when they reached the stage of desperation, the young and work-denied Canadian World War I veterans behaved in the same manner as the unemployed, the work-denied young Canadian black citizens of today.

In conclusion it should be noted that civil riots and looting of shopkeepers, ugly and impermissible as they are, are, in essence, alarm signals of accumulated and dangerous social discontentment that inevitably reaches an explosive stage and then erupts.

Sober Canadians and, especially, sober Canadian leaders, will best serve our country by focusing on the causes of the Yonge Street riots rather than only on the riots themselves. And, they need to do it without delay.

Judaism welcomes scientific debate

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I remember how, when I was a boy, I used to look at the starry skies and wonder where the firmament ended. What was behind the farthest reaches, and what was behind them? These memories of childhood come back to me every time I read about new discoveries in the field of astronomy. Much is beyond my comprehension, but there are some basics I must sort out.

This subject came to the fore once again when I read about the latest discoveries by two American astronomers who have detected cosmic clouds farther away than anything previously seen. According to their calculations, light from these clouds took some 15 billion years to reach us, with light rays traveling each year about 5,880,000,000,000 miles.

Thus, what the two scientists saw on their telescopes is the image of something that happened all these eons ago, at the very beginning of the universe, and the delay allows us to see what took place then. Said one of the commentators: "It is like watching God at work."

Rabbi Plaut

We are told that all of this confirms the "Big Bang" theory: that at one moment some matter, densely packed beyond imagination, exploded and in successive explosions filled the universe with stars and galaxies in an ever expanding space.

Since the announcement of these sightings was made, I have received a number of calls from the media who wanted to know how my religion squared with these discoveries. It is a fair question, and this is the reason I am writing about it in *The Canadian Jewish News*.

Judaism has had a long and honorable relationship with science. We have always believed in free inquiry because we considered the human mind to be a gift of God. We were cautioned against over-speculation (for instance, about the subject after-death experiences), but we never reined in scientific, philosophical, or even mystical inquiries.

What then about the story at the beginning of the Torah which tells us that the world was created in six days? According to the ancient rabbis and their successors, the main thrust of Torah is to tell us that the world was not an accident but was created by Divine will and word. In debates over what constituted "one day" in creation, the remarkable flexibility of the Jewish approach to scriptural texts became very clear: we never insisted that there was only one single explanation.

After all, the Talmud is one large record of discussion and debate. There is even the often cited story of a famous rabbinic dispute, when a divine voice is heard favoring one side over the other, the rabbis — firmly and respectfully — insisted that once the Torah was given to us as humans, we had to wrestle with its meaning and demands.

Christianity took a different road, and during the 19th century it found itself embroiled in bitter confrontation with modern science — only to have to retreat step after step. Still, "creationism" (the belief that evolution is counter-biblical and therefore inadmissible) agitates significant segments of the Protestant community, especially in the United States.

Jews had been saved from the restraints of literalism, and that has been a good thing for us. We have opted for a union of science and faith rather than for an eternal battle between them.

I can appreciate the importance of the new discovery — up to a point. Beyond that, I seem to return to my childish wonder: what lies beyond the last beyond? And all the while, I am strengthened in my belief that creation is the outpouring of God's will. The latest alleged confirmation of the "Big Bang" theory finds me therefore reading of it with fascination and at the same time with my faith undisturbed.

There are key differences between sexes

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

If our son had come along first, he'd have been an only child. I wouldn't have had the strength for two more.

But he's the third, on the heels of two daughters, and they provide both buffer and battlefield for his distinctive way of looking at the world.

Some of the rowdiness, the insouciance, the blissed-out buoyance that I chalk up to maleness may actually be manifestations of 2-year-oldness instead, but it is hard to tell the difference.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Take this kitchen incident. We are all sitting at the table eating breakfast, except the baby, who doesn't sit. He bounces, squirms, climbs and occasionally visits his plate. He was walking past Daddy and dropped a raisin on the floor.

"Pick that up, please," my husband said.

The baby beamed, smiling a 1,000-watt charmer of a grin.

"Pick that up, please," my husband said, again.

The baby flashed his beaming headlight of a smile up at Daddy, once again, looked at the raisin on the floor, lifted his little right foot and stomped that sucker flat. Then he walked away.

My husband looked at me blankly. "I never had a daughter do that," he said.

Actually, this little fellow does lots of things we never had a daughter do. I never had a daughter get up from a nap, cover the floor entirely with baby powder, and get back in bed and go back to sleep, leaving tiny footprints in the snow.

No daughter of mine ever climbed up the outside of the bannister or tried to fly off the top bunk. There are pretty much boy things as far as I can tell.

I'm an old line feminist. This pint-sized, but powerful, object lesson in the unique characteristics of the male creature has not impaired my insistence upon equal pay for equal work, or the other moral bulwarks of traditional feminism, but it has certainly sent me away from any momentary notion that there are no differences between the genders.

My second daughter is a physical adventurer, immune to any considerations of personal safety. She's the one who has cut an electrical cord in half and somersaulted down a sliding board; she knows few bounds, except the degree of mischief that occurs to her. Her physical derring-do is the equal of her brother's without question, but her attitude is different. When she gets hurt, she wails. When he gets hurt, he tries to repeat the mishap to see where he got it wrong. She nurses each boo-boo lovingly, collecting bandaids like medals. He bangs along, deterred only for the briefest seconds by blood, sweat or tears.

And it is possible to dress her up. Take Saturday mornings, when they get dressed for synagogue. She takes a little work, but with a bit of brushing and combing, a petticoat here and a shoe shine there, she's a confectionery vision, from her pink hair bows to her spin-around skirt.

Not so her junior shadow. Oh, we can dress him up all right. In fact, his oldest sister loves nothing better than decking him our in his little gray suit, selecting a tiny snap-on bow tie, matching his socks and shoes, brushing his unruly hair, and clipping on his size 3 velvet yarmulke. She prepares him for shul, holds his hand and walks him into our room: "Look, he's ready," she proclaims proudly, and is he ever. He looks like "Honey, I Shrunk the Lawyer," a little bantam barrister in his baby Brooks Brothers.

But by the time we've kvelled, kissed, locked the front door and stepped down the path, he's back to normal. The yarmulke hangs by a hair, the jacket is open, the tie gone, the shirt-tail dangling and the shoelaces unravelling. He's so happy, vaulting over the dog, collecting smashed fistfuls of lovely but allergenic flowers, running his hand through the dust on the car, stomping through ant piles, and chasing neighborhood cats. Smudged, smiling and totally dear, he's a master of perpetual motion, a complete mess in under a minute.

I do have daughters who can do that, but it always takes them longer.

Worth repeating

'Politics — where they pat you on the back so they'll know where to stick the knife.'
Harry Hershfield, 1938

'The longest distance is to the pocket.'
Yiddish proverb

'We should get out of the ghetto, but we should get out as Jews, with our own spiritual treasures. We should interchange, give and take, but not beg. Ghetto is impotence. Cultural cross-fertilization is the only possibility for humans development.'
I. L. Peretz, 1911

Features

Polish anti-Semitism concerns Michnik

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

When the shadow of the Holocaust darkened Poland's landscape, Jews and Poles had coexisted for 1,000 years. At the best of times, it was a somewhat uneasy relationship, marred by the spectre of anti-Semitism. Even today, when Poland's Jewish population is minuscule, anti-Semitic manifestations are not that uncommon.

Adam Michnik, one of Poland's greatest living intellectuals, seems fascinated by the phenomenon of anti-Semitism, Polish-style. But he warns that lingering stereotypes and half-truths, which he argues are common to both sides, only reinforce anti-Semitic myths. "It is very dangerous to draw broad, misleading generalizations. It eliminates the need for thought."

Michnik, 45, is editor-in-chief of Poland's largest daily newspaper, Gazeta Wyborcza (weekday circulation is 600,000, and 800,000 on weekends.) But his credentials as a political theorist-cum-reformer, human rights activist, historian, former parliamentarian and ex-student leader are well established.

Michnik, who describes himself as "a Pole of Jewish origin," helped paved the way for the rise of the Solidarity free trade union. He is an advocate of non-violent change; Nobel Prize Polish poet Czeslaw Milosz has compared him to Mahatama Gandhi. Throughout the 1980s, he was one of Lech Walesa's most trusted advisors. Walesa has since been elected president of Poland.

Considered an incorrigible dissident by the former Communist regime, Michnik achieved nation-wide fame after he and a group of students laid a wreath at the monument to Adam Mickiewicz, Poland's national poet. The government correctly interpreted the demonstration as a bold protest against censorship. This incident, in tandem with the Six Day War and a fierce power struggle within the Communist party, touched off the notorious 1968 anti-Zionist (read anti-Semitic) campaign, which devastated the remnant of the Polish Jewish community.

Michnik, who spent a total of six years in Polish prisons, is the son of a Jewish Communist, Ozjasz Szechter. During an anti-Semitic purge, his father was fired from his job as an editor of Marxist-Leninist literature. His Catholic wife, Helena, was a historian.

In person, Michnik is unprepossessing, tall and shaggy-looking, with pale blue eyes and ruffled sandy hair. On this day, he wore baggy blue jeans, a striped shirt without a tie and a dark sports jacket. He speaks in sharp bursts, his stutter never impeding the steady flow of his ideas. During the interview, held at a friend's house in mid-town Toronto, he sipped Passover slivovitz and smoked acrid Gauloises cigarettes. He was in town to deliver a speech under the auspices of the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada.

Given the Jewish and Polish strands of his background, Michnick is perhaps ideally suited as an intermediary between Jews and Catholics.

He does not define himself in religious terms, although he had his 4½-year-old son baptized. Rather, he says, he belongs to "the world of Judeo-Christian culture and tradition."

Anti-Semitism in Poland, he believes, is exacerbated by stereotypical thinking.

Polish intellectual Adam Michnik (Alron photo).

The Polish stereotype holds that there has never been any anti-Semitism in Poland, and that Jews were never so well-off as they were there. "In this stereotype, each critical voice condemning anti-Semitism is considered an expression of the anti-Polish conspiracy on the part of international forces who are filled with hatred for Poland.

"There is also a Jewish stereotype, which says that each Pole imbibes anti-Semitism with his mother's milk; that the only thing worth knowing about Poland is just that the Poles hate Jews."

The relationship is further burdened by the traditional Polish view that Jews, as a group, historically identified with foreign interests, whether Prussian or Russian. By contrast, Poles fail to understand why Jews have branded them more anti-Semitic than, say, Germans or Russians.

Contemporary Polish anti-Semitism is also fed by the misperception that Jews foisted communism on Poland. But Michnik points out that communists of Jewish origin usually did not identify with Jews and were totally Polonized.

What's more, the fact that Jews and Poles regard themselves as "chosen people" and feel victimized by history has aggravated the mutual tension.

With passion, Michnik argues that anti-Semitism is not a "specific trait" endemic to Poles, and that whoever makes this claim is guilty of reverse racism. "Anti-Semitic pathology doesn't define Poland, just as (Jean-Marie) Le Pen doesn't define France."

Michnik observes that whenever anti-Semitism tarnished Polish public life, it heralded the rise of anti-democratic, intolerant forces.

He adds, "When anti-Semitic opinions are expressed in Poland, Jews are not the issue. The real question is whether there will or will not be a Polish democracy."

Why, he was asked, did Walesa raise anti-Semitic themes during the 1990 presidential election? "He brought up the Jewish issue for pragmatic reasons," replies Michnik, who has since broken with Walesa. "He believed it would win him votes. It wasn't ideological. Walesa is not an anti-Semite."

But wasn't Walesa pandering to anti-Semites? "It's a question of political culture. In a civilized country, the concept of nation as defined by ethnic or religious terms is considered reactionary. Nobody in American would really agree that a 'real' American is a WASP. But in Poland — and in Israel — that definition functions as a result of historical experience."

How has anti-Semitism in Poland changed? "In the past, an anti-Semite would say, 'Michnik is a Jew, and therefore, he is a scoundrel.' The current logic is: 'Michnik is a scoundrel, and therefore, he's likely to be a Jew.' "

Michnik doesn't underplay current displays of anti-Semitism in Poland. But he balances that by saying that anti-Semitic parties did not win a single seat in the last Polish national election.

He claims that Jews and Poles can transcend their differences if they each try to understand their respective historical memories.

"There are no rational reasons today to continue the enmity; there are no fields of conflict."

Michnik believes that the battle against anti-Semitism should be conducted in a climate of free debate, without censorship, and that the government and the Catholic church should be at the forefront in combatting it.

Russian immigrants wooed

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

Most of the veteran political parties have already chosen their candidates for the June 23 election and, as things look now, few if any will have Russian immigrants representing them in the next Knesset.

The reason: nearly all "Russian candidates" are too far down the various party lists to have a realistic chance of getting elected under Israel's system of proportional representation.

This situation — which exists despite the fact that newcomers from the former Soviet Union make up almost 10 percent of the 1992 electorate — wouldn't have been possible in the old days, when electoral lists were determined by a handful of party bosses rather than by larger, more democratic bodies. The bosses saw to it that the lists were "balanced," that they included token Romanians, Yemenites, Moroccans, Bulgarians, etc.

The lack of "Russian representation" in the veteran parties should help Da, a party recently set up to represent the interests of newcomers. But the immigrants to whom I have spoken are not impressed by its bickering leaders and say that they will not support Da unless it is headed by Natan Sharansky or someone of his calibre.

Meanwhile, the old parties are making a major effort to win over the immigrants. Labor, for example, has been running weekend seminars for them at resort hotels. This gives the newcomers an opportunity to hear Yitzchak Rabin, Shimon Peres and other Labor stars, as well as Russian-speaking party spokesmen. The widespread participation of immigrants in these subsidized seminars may indicate their sympathy for the party or, more likely, thier desire to enjoy the kind of restful weekend that they couldn't pay for themselves.

The National Religious Party also organizes essentially free weekends for immigrants, though at its educational institutions rather than at seaside resorts. Often meeting with them is Rabbi Yosef Mendelevich, who spent 11 years in KGB prisons for his role in the plot to hijack a Soviet plane and fly it to Israel. Mendelevich was among the Russian immigrants who founded the Zionist Forum, but left the organization after clashing with Sharansky and other members of its overwhelmingly secular council.

Ratz — now allied with Mapam and Shinui in a new, left-wing list — is trying to win over immigrants by offering them practical assistance. The party sends out Russian-speaking lawyers to explain, for instance, how newcomers can obtain the maximum degree of housing assistance or deal with employers who deny them fair wages. Accompanying the lawyers are Russian-speaking doctors, who advise immigrants how to overcome medical problems at a time when many of them are hard put to pay for membership in health insurance funds after their period of free membership ends.

Least active of all has been the Likud, the leaders of which have been more preoccupied with fighting one another than with wooing immigrants. This situation troubles Ephraim Baruch, the man responsible for preparing the party's Russian-language material. Baruch nevertheless remains optimistic that the Likud will win a large percentage of the "Russian vote" because "immigrants are basically patriotic on the one hand, and antagonistic to anything that smacks of socialism on the other."

Parties further to the right — namely Tzomet, Techiya and Moledet — agrees with Baruch and, indeed, some polls indicate that they may get up to 15 percent of the "Russian vote."

The Jewish World

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

A cornucopia of books...

At the International Conference on Polish-Jewish Studies in Oxford in September 1984, specialists in that field delivered a number of scholarly papers. Many have been duly reprinted in *The Jews in Poland* (Oxford University Press, $24.50), which offers a general outline of the most significant factors in the evolution of Jewish life there. The essays range far and wide, covering such themes as the origins of the community, rural anti-Semitism in Galicia before World War I, Poland in the interwar period and during the Nazi occupation, and the Jewish question in Communist politics. The editors are Chimen Abramsky, Maciej Jachimczyk and Antony Polonsky. A fine contribution to Jewish historiography.

The Convent at Auschwitz (George Braziller, $17.95 U.S.) is a useful case study of ethnic dissonance. When Polish Carmelite nuns built a convent on the perimeter of that infamous concentration camp, they sparked a hue and cry in the Jewish world. The Poles were puzzled. After all, since more than 200,000 Poles perished in Auschwitz, didn't they have a rightful claim to it as well? Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, secretary of the Institute for Polish-Jewish Studies in Oxford, delves intelligently into the controversy.

Power corrupted the late Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania. He and his wife, Elena, took themselves so seriously that they ruled the country like a fiefdom. In *Kiss The Hand You Cannot Bite* (Villard, $22.50 U.S.), Edward Behr describes their tyrannical regime and probes the dynamics of Romanian anti-Semitism under communism.

The story of Captain Alfred Dreyfus has been told and retold. Norman Finkelstein's *Captain of Innocence* (Putnam & Grosset, $20.95) diverges from the pack, inasmuch as it is meant for young readers over the age of 11. Recommended.

Books in review

Seymour Brody's *Jewish Heroes of America* (Shapolsky, $8.95 U.S.) is also designed for the younger set. Who was the first American Jewish soldier to die in combat? Who was the first U.S. Navy admiral? What star of the Yiddish stage conquered Hollywood? Who helped organize the Red Cross? Which Olympic athlete won more gold medals than any other? Find out by reading Brody. A well-intentioned book, but its overweening patriotic tone grates on the nerves.

Louis D. Brandeis (1856-1941) was a great American — a progressive-minded lawyer, the first Jew on the Supreme Court and a Zionist leader. Philippa Strum's biography, *Louis D. Brandeis: Justice for the People* (Random House, $20.95), is thorough, lucid and intriguing.

Saul Bellow, the boy from Montreal who rose to literary heights as one of America's foremost novelists, is the subject of Ruth Miller's thoughtful biography, *Saul Bellow* (McClelland & Stewart, $34.95). Miller, whose friendship with Bellow goes back a long way, analyzes the man and his work.

Alan Dershowitz, who calls himself Harvard University's "first Jewish Jew," maintains in *Chutzpah* (Little, Brown, $28.95) that American Jews are not sufficiently "pushy or assertive." Always provocative and occasionally shrill and outrageous, *Chutzpah* is part autobiography and part polemic about the current state of U.S. Jewry and its relations with Israel..

Everything you always wanted to know about the organizational structure of Canadian Jewry is found in *Maintaining Consensus* (University Press of America, $38.75) by Daniel Elazar and Harold Waller. The essays are not only relevant; they are insightful.

The paperback edition of Allan Gould's *The New Entrepreneurs: Canadian Success Stories* (Seal Books, $6.95) is worth leafing through. Jewish names appear and reappear, and Gould traces their respective careers.

A Nazi sympathizer. A Zionist. An aristocratic British anti-Semite. These are but a few of the sharply-etched characters in Ken Follett's nail-biting thriller, *Night Over Water* (Gage, $29.95), set on the eve of World War II.

Last but not least: *Chronicle of the World* (Raincoast, $65) is a superb, lavishly-illustrated primer of world history from day one. It belongs in every library.

FEDERATION NEWS

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto -- United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus Jack Chisvin, President Steven Ain, Executive Director Thursday, May 14, 1992

News Highlights

JFED examines palliative care

FEDERATION -- What happens when a family member becomes terminally ill? How does a family cope when it must accept the fact that a loved one will most likely die within weeks, or months, after curative care is no longer possible? Who can the Jewish family turn to?

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has begun to address the Jewish perspective of palliative care.

Dr. Larry Librach, head of the Palliative Care Program at Mount Sinai Hospital, has been meeting with Jewish community elder care agencies under the auspices of the Federation to discuss options for the specific brand of home care.

Librach announced that within the past year in Toronto, the rate of people dying at home rose from 10 to 85 percent. He attributed the dramatic shift to access to service that can maintain patients in the home, noting that most patients prefer to die there.

The Mount Sinai palliative care team currently consists of two doctors, a nurse and a social worker. There are also several trained volunteers. The team makes 150 home visits a month and screens 80 calls a day, Librach said.

The Jewish aspect would incorporate a team of representatives from Senior Care, Jewish Family & Child Service and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, who would handle each case separately.

While a doctor may spend 10 "medical" minutes on a patient, an additional two hours can be spent supporting the family, he noted. Although active listening support is essential, Librach said, the support can be provided by a trained chaplain, social worker or volunteer. ❑

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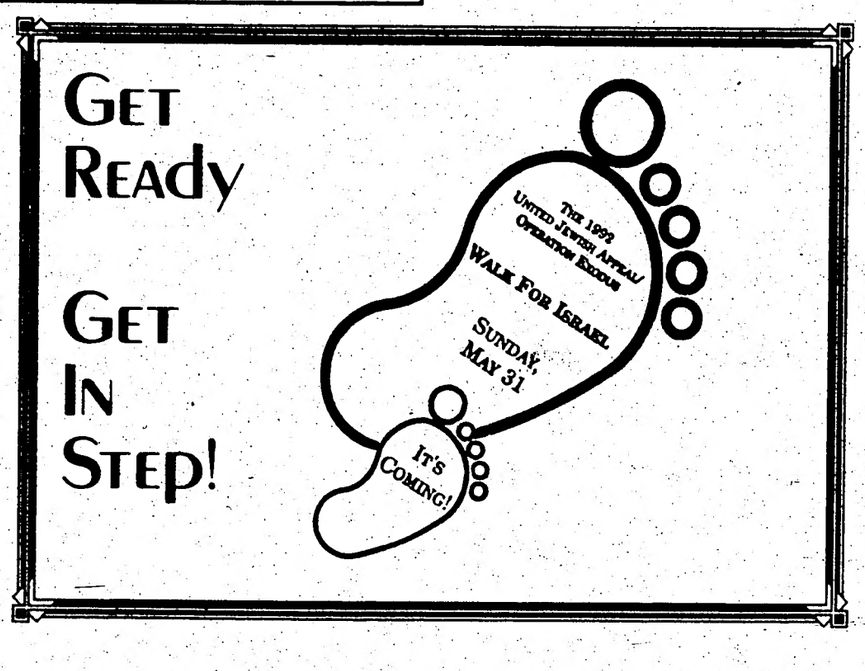

Federation addresses many issues concerning growing elder sector

The aging population is growing very rapidly and people are living much longer, according to Alan Sandler, chairman of the elder services sub-committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"The Jewish population, fortunately, is having a long, productive later life," he explains.

For instance, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, which is run by a council of senior citizens, runs its own programs and is "bursting at the seams," he says. "We know that we have seniors from the northern areas to the old Bloor-Bathurst areas. How do we in actual fact contact and service them?"

Alan Sandler

Questions like those are being addressed by the elder services sub-committee. As seniors advance in years and move from active to frail, their service needs change. Much depends upon whether they can move from ability to requirement that they need some form of care once they are no longer mobile.

There are very few nursing homes that offer kosher meals. Jews are in nursing homes all over the city. Sandler is studying the problem of supplying seniors with Passover food and other Jewish dietary requirements. His sub-committee is also addressing ways of identifying those who are in nursing homes all over the Greater Toronto area.

"How do we get chaplains to them? Ultimately, the need of seniors to meet with chaplains becomes greater."

The provincial government is currently moving toward home care. This is based on the premise that this is what people seem to want, which is to be at home, explains Sandler.

"We have Senior Care as our agency that deals with home care, but Senior Care has geographical boundaries in which they work."

Sandler clarifies the point by stressing, "Senior Care takes home care workers and teaches them about Jewish content, such as Passover foods and the laws of kashrut.

"What we do know is that all senior facilities are filled beyond capacity" he declares.

Sandler offers examples of volunteer coordination that have been operating and moving along at a good speed. The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living provides a visiting service with volunteers fluent in Yiddish and Russian.

"It isn't useful to have a chaplain who only knows Hebrew and English," he says.

The Federation has begun coordinating with major agencies, like Senior Care, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and Jewish Family & Child Service for the comprehensive delivery of care.

Sandler explains, "The Federation is not there to tell the organizations what their policies should be. It tries to coordinate them. The individual organizations will determine their own policies.

"We are only acting as a bridge. We are trying to build bridges between them all. There is no way that we in the Jewish community can pick up the tab for all the elders. But we have to see that their needs are provided for."

Sandler also emphasizes that as a community group, the Jews have a unique and comprehensive structure and network in place. "When JF&CS gets a distress call, someone may say that an elder's living conditions are abysmal," Sandler says. "JF&CS will go and clean up the person and the apartment. Then, they call in Senior Care, who would devise an ongoing program for that person."

Sandler describes a new Jewish hospice program that is being created by Mount Sinai, Senior Care, Baycrest, JF&CS and the Federation. The multiple agency involvement will address volunteers, counselling, home care, physicians and chaplaincy for Jewish people who wish to die at home. ❑

Betel center celebrates its tenth anniversary

Programming for seniors at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living includes crafts as well as social and political causes concerning the elderly

It's a microcosm of activity for the active Jewish seniors who come from all walks of life. Now, in its tenth year at its Steeles-Bathurst location, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living offers all kinds of programming for some 3,000 seniors.

Within the diverse cross-section of vibrant seniors are 1,500 men and women whose first language is either Yiddish or Russian.

But language is no barrier, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto serves up a tall order for those who prefer their leisure in either of those languages. Programs sponsored by the Federation include Yiddish and Russian activities.

The Federation also funds the hot, kosher meals that are prepared and served at the center.

Harold Segal is the president of Betel's members council, which oversees the various committees that run the center. He offers a little bit of background on the facility. "The centre has been around for a long time," Segal says. "Bernard Betel was a community member who died at 41 of cancer. His family wanted to do something, so they gave the seed money to start the Centre for Creative Living. It used to be in [the National Council for Jewish Women's] Council House. Then it moved to the B'nai Brith building on Hove Street. Then it moved to its present location."

The center members are active in the social and political arena. They make presentations to the government on behalf of seniors and issues that affect the elderly. In addition, they belong to an association of Jewish seniors.

Other features of the facility include a library containing a large selection of titles in Russian. It boasts four religious services: Orthodox, Israeli, Sephardic and Conservative. There is a drop-in health center, crafts workshops and visit programs for shut-ins. In addition, a phone call program ensures contact with elders across the city on a daily basis. ❑

Organizations and People

Anshan, Frieberg square off for CJC region chairmanship

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

In what is reportedly the first election of its kind since the 1940s, two longtime Canadian Jewish Congress activists will vie for the position of chairman of the organization's Ontario region.

As many as 1,500 voters will cast their ballots from May 19-23 to determine whether Gerda Frieberg or Mark Anshan will hold the chairman's seat.

Both candidates point to long personal histories of community service and involvement with Congress. Anshan is promising to involve new people in the organization's activities while Frieberg agrees new people have to be brought in, though not at the expense of the old.

In an interview after the close of nominations, Anshan said that seeking the chairmanship is, "in my mind, a natural progression." The region's vice-chairman the past three years, Anshan said he is seeking the senior post to "provide visionary leadership."

A participant in more than 10 Congress committees as well as a member of the board of Holy Blossom Temple, Anshan said he can bring to Congress new, motivated people.

"My concern is that we're losing leadership to other groups in the community," he said. If Congress does not attract young people, it will have less impact in the community and will likely see its share of the community's financial resources drop, he added.

Anshan, a lawyer by profession, said he would make his priorities: the development of young leadership; strengthening the work of the Jewish identity committee; promoting the interests of Israel and presenting the case for the Jewish state, both within the Jewish community and among the general population.

He said a community demographic study undertaken by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto points to "low synagogue affiliation," — a troubling phenomenon, "since it is very much part of the Jewish tradition and part of belonging to the Jewish community."

He said he would work with synagogue groups to attract people to shuls.

When asked what changes an observer might notice within a few years should he be elected, Anshan said "they'll see a lot more new people and more enthusiasm in the community for Congress. It will serve as a focus of community activities in Ontario."

Frieberg said she is running "on my past performance and service to the community. I'm committed to the Jewish community and have demonstrated that in all I've done."

In addition to serving as chairman of Congress' Holocaust remembrance committee (nationally and regionally) and as a founder of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in the Lipa Green Building, Frieberg has served as president of B'nai Brith Women and of the Jewish Women's Federation.

Frieberg said that as regional chairman, she would continue the fight for government funding for Jewish schools, "be in the forefront of fighting neo-Nazism and discrimination and working with other ethnic communities to erase racism."

Frieberg said that changing Congress may be necessary, but she would study specific programs before altering anything. "I'm not going to re-invent the wheel," she said.

She said she is concerned about Jewish youth, adding it was her priority to adequately service students on campus.

Bringing young people into Congress is important, she said. "They are our future. . . But that doesn't mean we discard the old."

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Those delegates entitled to vote may do so on only one of five occasions: at the Lipa Green building on Tuesday, May 19, 6-10 p.m. and on May 20, from 8 a.m. to noon; at the Regal Constellation Hotel on Wednesday May 20, from 7:30-10 p.m.; on Thursday, May 21, from 5:30-9:30 p.m.; on Friday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and on Saturday, May 23, from 10-11 p.m.

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Acting consul general of Israel Oren David presents Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba with a commemorative medal at the consulate's Yom Ha'atzmaut reception held at the Park Plaza Hotel. [Graphic Artists photo]

Israel's 44th birthday celebrated

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

This year's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration was especially significant as it also marked the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, acting consul general of Israel Oren David told about 400 guests at a reception held last week at the Park Plaza Hotel, hosted by the consulate.

This year's celebration is also special, said David, "thanks to the unprecedented face-to-face peace negotiations between Israel and her Arab neighbors. Canada is helping to facilitate the peace negotiations and has provided assistance in promoting peace between Israel and her neighbors. The special solidarity and friendship between Israel and Canada is not a matter of coincidence considering the similarities and the many things both countries share. Both are stable democracies dedicated to the same democratic values and virtues, and both are multicultural nations."

As a symbol of the friendship between Canada and Israel, David presented Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba with a medal struck in 1967 to celebrate the friendship between the two countries. This is the year that marked both Canada's centennial and the reunification of Jerusalem.

Ziemba brought greetings from the premier of Ontario, Bob Rae, who was unable to attend. She echoed David's thoughts on the similarities between Canada and Ontario and Israel. "We share the same objectives, the same issues on human rights and dignity for all," she said. "In Ontario we're very proud of the contribution the Canadian Jewish community has made to Ontario and to Canada. The contribution has been at many different levels. It's been at the professional level, it's been in the legislature, it's been at the educational level, the philosophical level and the arts and cultural level. In our 125th year, we will have a unified Canada with a new constitution, and we will have a very strong Israel."

Itzhak Shelef, Israel's ambassador to Canada, reflected on Israel's 44 year history. "Allow me to take you back 44 years ago to a small land which was called Palestine," he said. "It's capital city was surrounded, without water, without food. The Galilee was disconnected from the main part of the country. The Negev was disconnected from the other part of the country. We were only 600,000 people facing millions and millions and millions of enemies. Just think about what we achieved during the last 44 years."

In addition to Ziemba, MPPs Zanana Akande, Charles Harnick Don Cousens and Monte Kwinter attended the celebration. Other guests included representatives of the consular corps, among them the consul general of Spain, Antonio Luis Bullon.

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Hydro lines cast a shadow over Winnipeg project's future

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Concerns are being raised about the presence of hydro transmission lines on the site being favored for the Winnipeg Jewish community's Campus Project. As a result, a number of young families are having second thoughts about supporting the estimated $18 million project which would combine a new Jewish K-12 school, community centre, library and community service offices in south Winnipeg.

The issue was first raised by the north Winnipeg Talmud Torah/I. L. Peretz Folk School Committee in January, 1990. The north Winnipeg parents group was concerned because many of their children would continue their studies at the proposed high school (which would replace the north Winnipeg Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate which is currently part of the Talmud Torah complex). "We made a presentation to senior campus committee officials," says Ed Calnitsky, the present chairman of the Talmud Torah/Peretz School Committee. "we received no responses."

Because there was no definite commitment to the 40-acre site at the time, the school committee let the matter drop. With the launch of a major fundraising drive for the campus construction at the beginning of April and announced tentative plans to begin construction in 1993, the school committee went back into action. The committee members again raised the issue of the high voltage lines and Calnitsky followed up with a letter on April 3 to Bob Freedman, executive director of the Winnipeg Jewish Community, outlining the concerns.

"Many scientific studies indicate there may be links between exposure to high voltage lines and their electromagnetic fields and increased risks of cancer and leukemia in children," says Calnitsky who is an architect. "Transmission lines run right through the centre of the proposed site and my understanding is they are 60,000 volt lines. The data and literature is admittedly inconclusive. There is no specific information on what may be safe levels of radiation. As parents of young children though we are unwilling to take risks with their health. There are too many unknowns here. We agree with the literature which generally proposes 'prudent advance.' If we don't have to situate the campus near high votage lines then we shouldn't."

A meeting was held on April 27 between campus committee members, school committee members and the Board of Jewish Education officials. The campus committee members promised to look into the matter and report back as soon as possible.

Bob Freedman reports the campus architect, GBR Architects, is having engineers analyzing the level of electromagnetic output at the site. "We have said all along that our commitment is to ensuring the most appropriate site for the campus," Freedman says. "If we aren't satisfied it is environmentally safe, we will look for another site. We have two or three other possibilities. There is no definite data on this issue. Even scientists and medical people say more research is required. We certainly don't want to put people at risk."

Since the parent committee went public with its concerns, Calnitsky reports he has received a number of calls from parents in both south and north Winnipeg indicating if the present proposed site is indeed chosen, they won't send their children to school there. "Why are we in such a hurry to build?" Calnitsky asks. "This is a long term commitment and there are still many questions. If the community does decide to build there, we could council individuals to avoid the site. We as individuals are free to choose not to use it."

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Organizations and People

Religious Zionism key to strong Israel: Dratch

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Religious Zionism must rekindle the fire and enthusiasm it once had, says the new rabbi of Shaarei Shomayim. Israel must not be just a part of history, but a part of our collective memory.

Rabbi Mark Dratch recently gave his maiden speech in Toronto the day after assuming his new position. He was the keynote speaker at a program sponsored by Netivot HaTorah Day School and Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue entitled Modern Visions of Religious Zionism.

Too often, he said, Zionists are "two people discussing how much a third person should give so a fourth person can live in Israel."

Many Jews never knew a time when there was no state, or even a time when Jerusalem wasn't united, he said.

Even many young Israelis, he noted, aren't sure why they live where they do and how they got there.

It is easy to dream, he said, when one is concerned with the future. It is harder when confronted with all the problems of a normal state: political scandals, the need for electoral reform, housing, jobs, the peace process.

Secular Zionism, he said, saw the reborn state of Israel as "a free people in a free land, free to take destiny into their own hands."

Forty years later, he said, they see that their problems aren't solved, and their dreams dissolve.

The anti-Zionist Orthodox, he said, see the establishment of a state "as the work of Satan," and fear that a state not founded by supernatural forces would lead to the destruction of religious life — a fact that, indeed, he noted, has often happened.

Those who are so forthcoming about G-d's role in the past and the future, he said, "are reticent to appreciate an act of G-d in the land of Israel."

However, he pointed out, the ultra-Orthodox are well represented in immigration statistics to Israel.

He added that the original agreement with David Ben-Gurion to exempt yeshiva students from army service was made because Ben-Gurion felt that within a generation there would be no more Torah study in Israel. "Now, thank G-d, [there are so many yeshiva students that] it is a problem."

Religious Zionism, he said, sees the state of Israel not as a fulfilment of their dream, but as an important step in the process of the redemption of the Jewish people.

They recognize, he said, that all Jews have a contribution to make toward a Jewish future.

Rabbi Dratch said that Zionism is not just writing a cheque or buying an Israel bond, but that aliyah is "the ultimate personal obligation."

While a strong Diaspora is essential, he said, "we must think who we are, where we came from and where we are going.

"No matter how good the exile is, and maybe Toronto is indeed the Yerushalayim of North America, but in no way can it compare to the real Yerushalayim."

Israel must be the centre of both our personal and communal lives, not just when there is trouble, but all the time.

Like we do at the Pesach seder, he said, we must make our children feel that they are a part of the history of Israel.

"Let them see us crying when a Jew is killed, concerned about joblessness and homelessness there."

Each shul, he suggested, should have an honor toll in the lobby, with not only the names of those who donated to the synagogue, but of those who made aliyah as well.

There is a verse in the prayers, he said, "May our eyes behold the return of G-d to Zion." Why, he asked doesn't the verse just ask that G-d return to Zion?

The verse, he said, is a plea that we be able to appreciate G-d's actions.

Greetings were brought by Rabbi Elliott Diamond, vice-principal of Netivot HaTorah, and Rabbi Avi Schochet, principal. Rabbi Dratch was thanked by Dr. Mel Kay, immediate past president of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Lipsitz calls for change as new CJC vice-president

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

What started out as a two-man race has reverted to an electoral formality as Eric Slavens last week announced his withdrawal as a candidate for national vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, representing the Ontario region.

The move leaves Dr. Jeffrey Lipsitz as the sole remaining candidate for the post.

Slavens, the outgoing chairman of the Ontario region of Congress, made the announcement one day after chairing the last meeting of the regional executive prior to the upcoming plenary.

"In seeing how eager and interested Jeffrey Lipsitz is in the region, I've decided to step down and let Jeff take [the national vice-presidency]," Slavens said. "To me, it's a little bit anti-climactic" after serving for three years as regional chairman, he added.

"If change is important, and I think it is, I'm going to demonstrate it from my own perspective," Slavens said.

Lipsitz, founder of the Sleep Disorders Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, has run on a platform advocating change, renewal and reaching out to Ontario Jews who feel alienated from Congress.

"It is important that the region of Congress be made more open, accountable, accessible and relevant from the point of view of the average member of the community," Lipsitz said.

Many Jews see Congress as a relatively closed body, featuring the same faces who "just change seats every few years," he said. It has "a lot of generals with no soldiers."

Now is the time for new leadership and direction, Lipsitz added. He said he would try to bring more new people into the organization and make it more relevant to the lives of average Jews.

In a telephone interview, Lipsitz criticized Congress for either just reacting to events or planning for issues that seem to ignore most Jews.

The organization must determine what are the important issues at the grassroots level, he said.

Congress can have a more effective voice in letting government and the media understand the issues that concern it, he said. He called for more effective lobbying techniques and for a more effective mechanism to allow Congress to be "more in touch with its neighbors."

Lipsitz stressed the need to stem the twin scourges of assimilation and intermarriage and to continue to lobby for Israel.

Lipsitz is outgoing co-chairman of Ontario region's international affairs committee and has served on the region's political liaison and community relations committees. He has also served on national and regional executives.

Slavens said he will remain as an officer of the region as the immediate past chairman.

Aish HaTorah dinner planned

TORONTO —

David Luchins, special assistant to U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, will be the keynote speaker at Aish HaTorah's 1992 Annual Community Event. His topic will be Israel and the U.S. — is the Party Over?"

The program will be held Monday, May 25, 8 p.m., at the Sheraton Centre.

The evening promises to be an exciting one. Television star Monty Hall will be master of ceremonies, and noted cellist Ofra Harnoy will be giving a solo performance.

Honorees for the evening will be philanthropists Joseph and Helen Berman, among the founders of Aish HaTorah.

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For more information about the evening, for reservations or to contribute, contact Rabbi Ephraim Shore at 636-7530.

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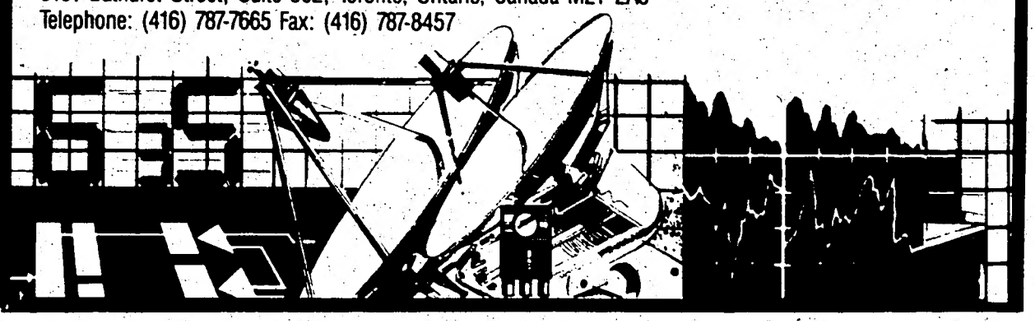

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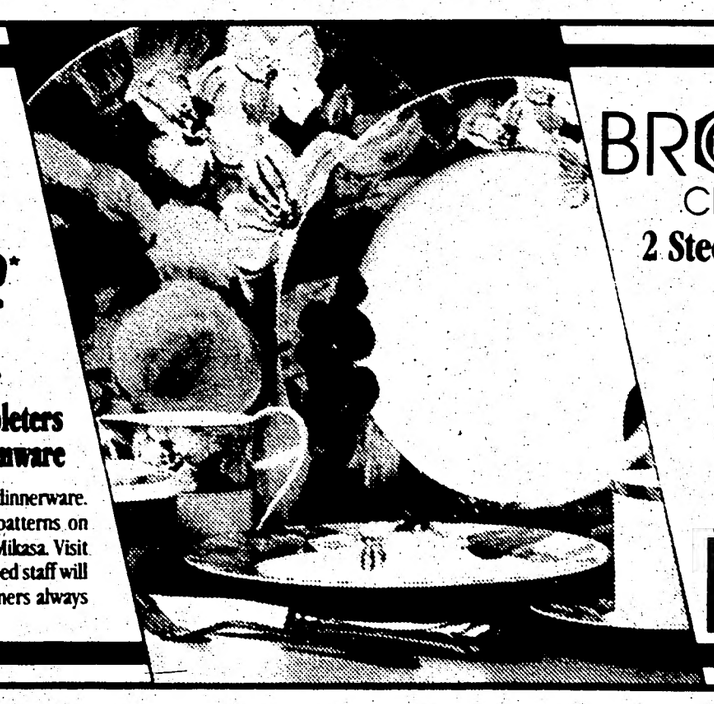

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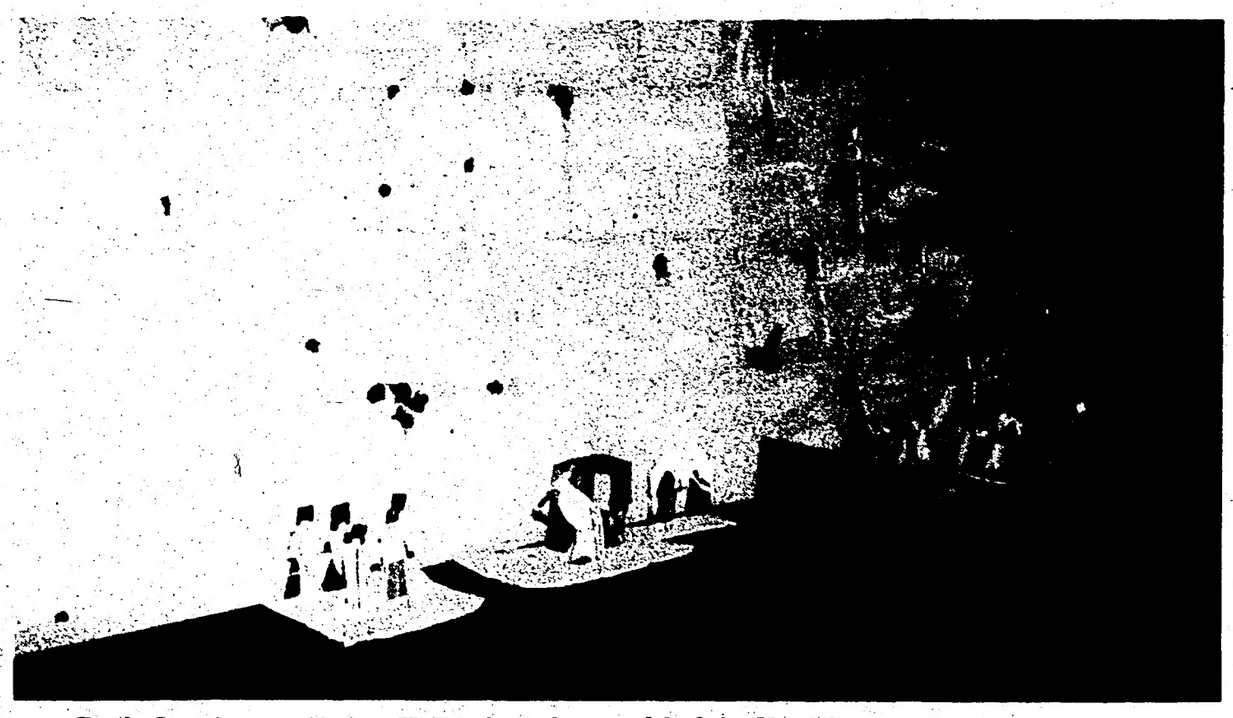

Grade 5 students at Netivot HaTorah made a model of the Kotel for the school's Israel Week.

Netivot HaTorah launches week of Israel activities

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
To enhance last week's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration in honor of Israel's 44th birthday, Netivot HaTorah day school declared the entire week "Shavuah Yisrael" (Israel Week), and activities focussed around Israel wherever possible.

Preschoolers at the religious Zionist school, based at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation until Grade 4, toted made-in-class passports and suitcases for a make-believe tour to Israel. Art projects for older children included models of Jerusalem for Grade 2, and a large relief map of Israel for Grade 3.

Children at the Temple Sinai location (grades 5 to 8) took part in more sophisticated art projects — mosaics, copper tooling and collages, to name a few — with the help of parent volunteers who have backgrounds in art.

Youngsters in Grade 4 tested their knowledge in a college bowl-type contest. Some focussed on learning about Israel through its songs.

Grade 8 girls wrote a play which they performed for Yom Ha'atzmaut.

The brainchild of vice-principal Rabbi Elliott Diamond, whose three children are students at Netivot HaTorah, Shavuah Yisrael was planned in close collaboration with the school's 35 teachers. The idea arose from discussions with teachers and parents, Rabbi Diamond told *The Canadian Jewish News*. "We're using it as a springboard to examine the ideas and philosophy beind religious Zionism."

In addition to planning activities for the students, the school co-sponsored, with Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, a public lecture last Tuesday night by Rabbi Mark Dratch, the synagogue's new rabbi, on *Hayinu K'cholmim: Modern Visions of Religious Zionism*.

"We wanted there to be a component for the parents," said Rabbi Diamond. The lecture was planned in the hope that parents and members of the general community would attend. The school also sent home information for parents about Jewish history, Israeli geography and politics.

Plans for future Israel Weeks will be firmed up following post-Shavuah Yisrael Week evaluations to be held with the teaching staff. "I have a dream," said Rabbi Diamond, "that at some point all Jewish schools will have the same week of Shavuah Yisrael."

Congress seeks end to government survey

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region has asked the office of the premier to scrap a survey which asks applicants for government appointments to describe their racial and ethnic backgrounds, the monthly meeting of the organization's regional executive was told last week.

"The survey is inaccurate, confusing, highly distasteful and unnecessary," community relations chairman David Satok said. Reading from a letter to the director of public appointments in the office of the premier, Satok said "the present 'appointees profile survey' should be replaced" with a form that asks only for the gender of the applicant, whether he or she is native, or a member of a visible minority, disabled or francophone.

Satok said one of the survey's questions asks for the ethnic origin of the applicant and suggests seven possible choices, encompassing a variety of subgroups, among them: Black; East Asian; South Asian; Southeast Asian; West Asian and Arab; White or others.

In its letter, Congress agrees "that on agencies, boards and commissions there must be fair representation of 'women, people with disabilities, francophones, visible minorities and native people.' We do have a problem with the use of the survey as the means to arrive at this goal.

"How are Jews supposed to approach [the survey]? As Jews, we would not want to write in 'Jewish' nor would we desire a separate 'Jewish' designation. Such options would be reminiscent of other societies and other times when Jews were the victims of discrimination, oppression, persecution and delegitimization."

In other reports, outgoing Congress national president Les Scheininger described a recent mission in which about 12 public figures and their spouses were taken to Israel. The mission was the fourth such trip in three years and serves to sensitize the participants to the issues facing Israel as well as the country's fundamental role in the lives of Jews, he said.

Among the participants were former B.C. Socred cabinet minister Grace McCarthy, former Nova Scotia premier Gerald Regan, and former Toronto mayor Art Eggleton.

During their six-day visit, their itinerary included meetings with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labor leader Yitzhak Rabin, a tour of the Golan Heights and a visit to an absorption centre.

Educational video viewed

The meeting kicked off with a viewing of an educational video aimed at combatting discrimination and stereotyping. The video was developed following a dinner two years ago to honor the memory of Father Rufino Niccacci, a Franciscan priest in the town of Assisi who helped save 5,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

The video, titled *Who is Peter Iswolsky — Risk and Racism,"* was developed jointly by Canadian Jewish Congress and the Toronto chapter of the National Congress of Italian Canadians. It focuses on youth being faced by stereotypes and asks them to suggest ways of confronting discrimination.

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Organizations and People

Remembering family, friends

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
The white haired Holocaust survivor stood rigidly at attention, remembering, through the solemn moments of K'El Maleh Rachamin and Kaddish during the Yom Hashoah service at the Pride of Israel Synagogue.

Later, surrounded by his children and grandchildren, he would step up to the bimah and light one of six candles to commemorate the six million murdered Jews and to affirm that he and his family of today, are here. Other survivors would light the remaining candles at the service sponsored by the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

As the flames glowed, solemn remembrance became infused with determination that a strong Jewish presence must endure.

Rabbi Harold Lerner read a scriptural passage from Ezekiel, prophecying the rebirth of Israel.

But Oren David, acting consul general of Israel, warned that there are challenges. While the older generation, marked by the events of 1939-45, cannot forget, he said younger generations today don't know much about the Holocaust.

We live in an era of audacity expressed by Holocaust denial, he said.

"Of all the components of modern anti-Semitism, this is the most obnoxious," he charged. "It is one that might fall on receptive ears, not necessarily of the wicked only, but also of the ignorant."

Remembrance of the Holocaust is essential, he insisted, so that Jewish youth in Israel and the Diaspora will know that our people's progress has been strewn with danger and obstacles.

Eliezer Whartman

"We must do it so that those who rise against us in every generation, those who believe they must complete what the Nazis began, will be defeated," he said,

Eliezer Whartman, editor of the Israel Press Service, zeroed in on "some of the myths in the Arab world fostered by our enemies and those who support them."

B.C. remembers Holocaust
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He attacked "the simple distortion that Israel was created from Arab land," maintaining that the 1947 United Nations partition called for a Jewish state where there was a Jewish majority and an Arab state equal in area, where there was an Arab majority. There would not be a single Arab refugee today, he asserted, if this had been accepted.

He decried reports that the United States hands out inordinate sums to Israel, noting that in 10 years Israel has received $36 billion while NATO has been given $1½ trillion. Israel, Whartman contends, is the better investment because it provides the United States with bases in the area's only democracy, has revealed details on captured Russian equipment and shares military secrets.

It is fiction, he said, that Israel can reach an agreement with the PLO which has some 27 organizations within its ranks and must also consider outside extreme groups such as Hezbollah and Abu Nidal.

"Even if Arafat should want to make peace, he couldn't deliver," he said.

Whartman urged a return to religion and renewed commitment to Jewish institutions. He reiterated the vow that Israel will be a permanent Jewish homeland.

Helen Smolack, chairman of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, stressed the need to defy the hatred which is resurfacing. Citing the neo-Nazis who march and preach violence against those who seek refuge in Germany, she said that people must remember history or be doomed to repeat it.

"Each one of us has a voice. We can raise it, swelling together to challenge hate...and it requires constant vigilance, a constant readiness to speak," she said.

"We owe it not only to the generations to come, but to the generation for whom we weep — whose voices were so brutally stifled, whose lives were so cruelly shattered by the hate that was the Holocaust. We pledge to them, to the world, to ourselves: Never, never again!"

Right-wing groups seen a threat

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Alan Rose hears the echoes of Hitler in the words of U.S. presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan.

In a quiet, thoughtful speech, the executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress warned a capacity audience here of the dangers inherent in the rise of movements in North America and Europe "that base their credo on appealing to the lowest instincts of humanity."

Rose was the keynote speaker at the recent Hamilton Holocaust remembrance committee's annual Yom Hashoah observance program at Adas Israel Synagogue.

Racists and despots, people who are against Jews and those who deny that the Holocaust ever took place, must be opposed, Rose told the well over 400 people of all ages and from all segments of the community who filled the sanctuary.

Even more horrifying to Rose than the statements of Jean Le Pen in France and the recent successes of extreme right wing parties, "in Germany, of all places," is when he hears "a man who supposedly stands for a great number of people in the Republican party...speak about Jews in the manner he does," who can "question whether six million Jews died in the Holocaust" and state that "it wasn't technically possible" to murder so many Jews in gas chambers."

Buchanan, said Rose, is someone "who in President Nixon's entourage, is a good speaker and a good communicator" and who "in some states, gets 20 to 30 percent of the vote. These are very, very serious considerations," he cautioned.

Rose, a tank commander with the British forces in World War II, ended his brief remarks with a personal recollection of the war.

There was a poignant moment earlier when Rose introduced a resident of Hamilton, "one of the Righteous honored by Yad Vashem."

As he asked Barbara Makuch to stand "so that you can see a holy person who saved Jewish lives," the entire audience rose in a prolonged ovation to the "Polish Catholic who saved Jewish children and for her pains, was sent to Ravensbruck, where she suffered a terrible ordeal."

Also very moving was the introduction by Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz of Temple Anshe Sholom to the children's segment of the program and the placing of yahrzeit candles on the bimah by children as Rabbi Zeplowitz recited names provided by Hamilton survivors of children from their families who had perished in the Holocaust.

Candles in memory of the six million were lit by members of the Second Generation and a candle in memory of fallen Israeli soldiers was lit by former IDF member, Dr. Itzhak Krinsky.

On behalf of Federation, president Abe Szirglas, the son of survivors, advised that though we are fortunate to live in a tolerant society we must "remain vigilant against the forces that would turn back the clock and ensure that the safeguards of civil rights and individual liberties remain strong."

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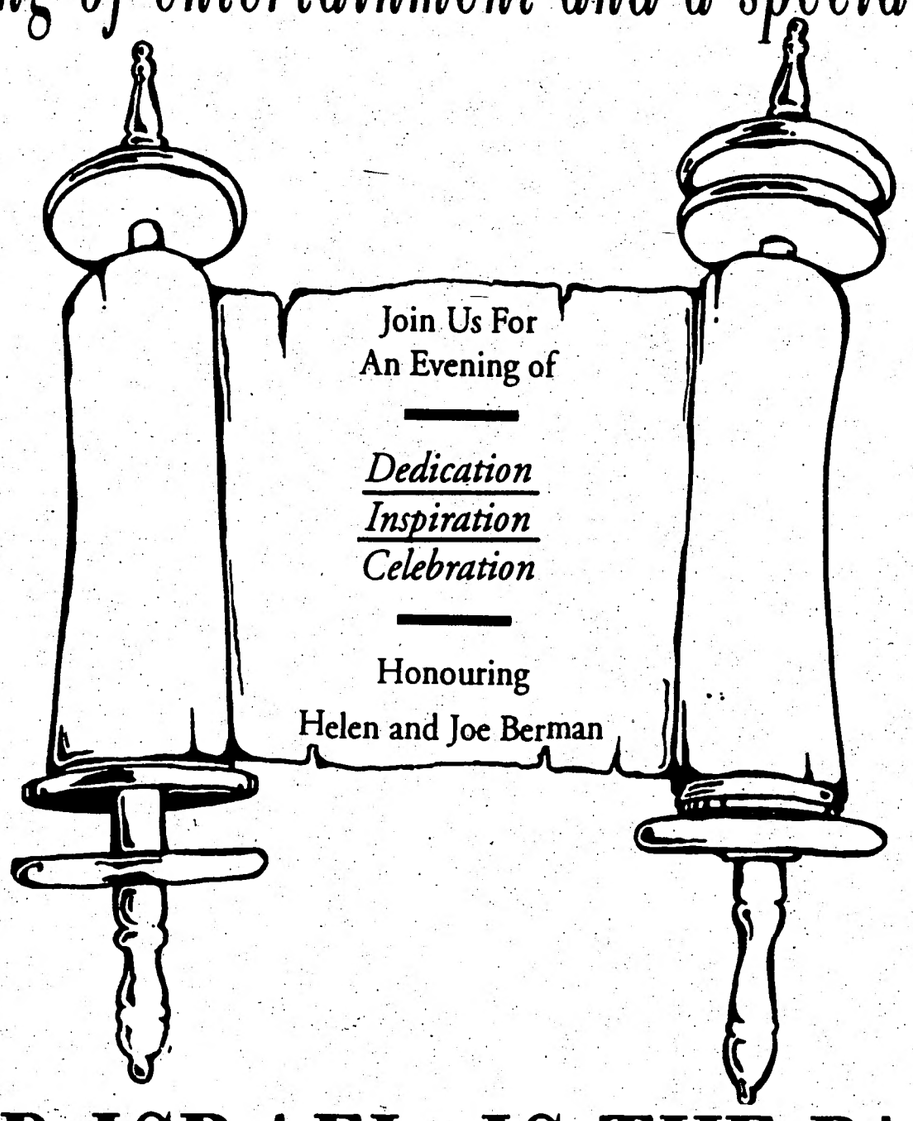

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HEBREW U FRIENDS MEETING

Canadian Friends of Hebrew University's Toronto chapter president Stephen Diamond (right) and his wife Karen (second from right) recently hosted 75 representatives from across Canada who attended that organization's annual board of directors meeting. With them are (from left) J. Stephen Lipper, national president, Canadian Friends, and Ambassador Avi Primor, visiting vice-president for development of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. [Graphic Artists photo]

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, May 14, is deadline for May 28 issue, and Thursday, May 21, is deadline for June 4 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Friday, May 15

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Pianist **Stella Rudolph** will be performing at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., on Friday, May 15, at 2 p.m. in a program of dance and show tunes and Yiddish and Hebrew songs.

Sunday, May 17

PNAI MEETING

At the Sunday, May 17, meeting of PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis), Toronto chapter, **Sam and Ruth Resnick**, visiting from their home in Netanya, Israel, will speak and answer questions on the topic Living in Israel Today. Former members of Toronto PNAI and of Canadian Jewish Congress staff, the Resnicks made aliyah several years ago and have unique experience in both Toronto and Israel.

The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Everyone is welcome.

CONTEMPORARY FAMILY ISSUES

The second lecture in Congregation B'nai Torah's two-part series on Contemporary Family Issues with education therapist **Sarah Chana Radcliffe** takes place Sunday, May 17, at 8:15 p.m. at the synagogue. The topic is How to Discipline Children Effectively.

The series is presented by the congregation's adult education and social action committees. Admission is free.

GIANT BAZAAR

Be sure to drop in at Shaar Shalom Sisterhood's annual giant bazaar Sunday, May 17. You'll find bargains galore in new merchandise, clothing, household items, toys, linens, lamps and more. Doors are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill. Admission is free.

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Tickets are $121 ($100 donation receipt). Proceeds will go to the International Council of Christians and Jews to organize interfaith dialogue groups in Moscow, Russia and Tbilisi, Georgia. Call **Elyse Graff** or **Elizabeth Webster** at 364-3101.

Tuesday, May 19

YOM YERUSHALAYIM

In honor of Yom Yerushalayim, the Kesher Group and the Aliyah Department of the World Zionist Organization will be holding a meeting between the young Jewish leadership and **Gen. Uzi Narkiss** (Res. IDF) on Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Narkiss, who heads the WZO delegation in North America, led the IDF in reclaiming the Old City during the Six Day War. He will describe his experiences during the battle and discuss the consequences of the war 25 years later. Israeli food (kosher) and folk singing will follow.

Admission is $8. For more information, call 633-4766.

FAT, THE TASTY KILLER

The Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 19, features **Dr. John Lefebre**, director of Weight Loss and Control Clinic, who will speak on Fat, the Tasty Killer.

The time is 12:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Reservations are a must. Call **Ruth Fruitman** at 731-6660 or **Rose Mintz** at 633-7190.

THE JEWISH FAMILY

At Beth Tikvah Synagogue, the second annual Frances Bitterman Memorial Lectures, a series of three lectures on the Jewish Family, concludes on Tuesday, May 19, at 8 p.m. when **Prof. Martin Lockshin** of York University will discuss the Jewish Family in Rabbinic and Medieval Times. The community is invited and admission is free.

MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Study Group at Holy Blossom Temple will focus on Extending a Welcome to Immigrants in our Community with **Sandy Atlin**, chairman of the temple's community integration committee, at its May 19 session. The group meets from 9:45-11:30 a.m. Babysitting is available. For information, call **Rhonda** at 663-3812.

Wednesday, May 20

LAG B'OMER EVENT

A Lag b'Omer event for Chernobyl Children is arranged for Wednesday, May 20, at Earl Bales Park starting at 7 p.m. with a video presentation *Children of Chernobyl* followed at 8:15 with a barbecue, bonfire and live music.

This is sponsored by the Jewish Russian Community Youth in co-operation with B'nai Brith Canada, BBYO, Bnei Akiva, NAHON, NCSY, Network and Chabad Lubavitch. Everyone is welcome. All proceeds will go to help the children of Chernobyl fly to Israel for medical help.

OVERBROOK CULTURAL CLUB

On Wednesday, May 20, Overbrook Cultural Club is presenting **Gloria Valentine** and **John Nyenhuis** in concert, performing a variety of theatre folk songs in English and Yiddish. The time is 2 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl. No charge for members, $1 non-members. For further information, contact **Millie Herzog** at 221-7207.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The two-part symposium presented by Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Jewish Family & Child Service concludes Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. with Domestic Violence in the Jewish Home with **Rayna Knobler**, supervisor, Domestic Violence Program, JF & CS. The lecture takes place at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework celebrates its 10th anniversary on Wednesday, May 20, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. For information, call **Harriet Liebmann** at 222-7292 or **Sue Krivel** at 633-1903.

ANOREXIA FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

If you are a parent, a brother, sister, spouse or friend of a sufferer of an eating disorder such as bulimia or anorexia, join the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support group meetings the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Toronto City Hall. On May 20 **Alex Dordevic** will speak on Recovery from Bulimia.

Thursday, May 21

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

On Thursday, May 21, at 2 p.m. **Felicia Carmelly** will discuss Laughter is the Best Medicine at Forest Hill Place, Retirement Residence, 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission is free but space is limited and early reservations are requested. Contact **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

LIZZIES OLD TIMERS

The Lizzies Old Timers Association, formed in 1983, is having its annual dinner at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., on Thursday, May 21, at 6 p.m. Association president is **Howard Garfield**.

CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

A movie review of *Crimes and Misdemeanors* by **Heather Kassel** is slated for Thursday, May 21, at 2 p.m. at Donway Place, Retirement Residence, 8 The Donway E. Admission is free. Early reservations are requested as space is limited. Call **Marlene White** at 445-7555.

And What Else Is New...

ABSORPTION OF OLIM

The aliyah delegation in North America is promoting a project of absorption of North American olim in Ness Ziona. The Toronto Aliyah office is holding two events at the Israel Aliyah Centre, 3910 Bathurst St., dealing with this project.

On Thursday, May 14, at 8 p.m. there will be a chug aliyah with **Nissan Krupski**, mayor of Ness Ziona. And on Friday morning, May 15, he will conduct private interviews with candidates seriously interested in absorption in Ness Ziona. A pilot trip will be held June 9-18. For further information, call 633-4766.

WEEKEND RETREAT

Shaarei Shomayim Weekend Retreat takes place June 12-14 at Maple Lake Resort and Convention Centre near Parry Sound. Resident scholar is **Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum**, director of Navon Educational Foundation. Cost is only $199.99 per person (double occupancy), which includes all taxes. Reserve now by calling **Ahuva** at the synagogue at 789-3213 or **Sam Rosen** at 787-4880 (evenings only).

A DAY AT THE MCGILL CLUB

A fantastic day has been planned at McGill Club for Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary members on Tuesday, June 2.

Enjoy programs planned exclusively for this day, or simply utilize the club's many facilities. Personal spa services and babysitting are available. Lunch will be followed by a panel of speakers — **Dr. Michael Bederman**, plastic surgeon; **Dr. Marvin Lester**, dermatologist, and **Rochelle Litman**, psychological counsellor. All participants will receive a two-week complimentary membership to the club.

For reservations, call the Auxiliary at 789-7071, ext. 2011 by May 15. Space is limited. The price is $40.

YIDDISH LITERARY CIRCLE

A new Yiddish literary circle has been established called Yiddish Loshen. Anyone who cherishes Yiddish may come to the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St., on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. There will be open discussion, short presentations on literary, artistic and political themes. For registration, call **Ariel Koprov** at 663-1325.

LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

May 4 marked the beginning of Aish HaTorah's spring Learning Without Limits. The theme this session is the Best of Basics, a collection of popular classics given by the teachers who made them famous. A special session entitled Can this Marriage/Relationship Be Saved? is included.

For information on this six-week series, call Aish HaTorah at 636-7530.

Also, on the first night of Shavuot, Saturday, June 6, Aish HaTorah will be having an all-night learnathon at 296A Wilson Ave. Join in for great learning and great cheesecake! Call the above number for information.

MUSICAL HERITAGE SERIES

The third and final concert in the Musical Heritage Series takes place Wednesday, May 27, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. Under the direction of **Harvey Patterson**, the Canadian Singers will present a colorful pageant of Canadian songs including the music of **Srul Irving**

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Glick. Karen Rymal, who accompanies the Singers will also play two organ solos by **Ben Steinberg**. In the last part of the concert, the Canadian Singers will be joined by the Temple Singers under the direction of **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**.

General admission is $15, seniors and students $10. For tickets and further information, call **Barbara** at 789-3291.

SUMMER STAGE

Leah Posluns Theatre School is presenting Summer Stage for Children (10-12 years) and Teens, July 2-29, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Instructors are caring theatre professionals. Classes include theatre exercises, improvisation, movement, voice, backstage workshops, culminating in a performance piece.

For further information, call **Debbie** or **Rose** at 636-1880, ext. 287 or 298. Register now!

INTERMARRIAGE SERIES

The Intermarriage Series, presented by Jewish Journeys on four Wednesday evenings, features **Dr. Leo Davids**, May 13 (Jew and Gentile in Canada Today); **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, May 27 (The Chosen People — Chosen for What?); **Michael Shear**, June 3 (The Jewish Role in Human History), and **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, June 10 (Intermarriage from a Rabbi's Viewpoint).

Jewish Journeys is sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Markham. All lectures are at 8 p.m. at 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. Cost is $4 per session or $12 for the complete course. Call 886-0420.

DON MILLS LODGE ANNIVERSARY

All past and present members of Don Mills Lodge, B'nai Brith, and their friends are invited to celebrate the lodge's 35th anniversary reunion, Sunday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at McLean House, 2075 Bayview Ave.

Lodge memorabilia will be on display and a cocktail buffet will be served. Cost is $25 per person. For information and reservations, call **Miriam Alberstat** at 652-6024.

YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of Tikvah chapter of B'nai Brith Women is taking place Monday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. The evening's topic is Women Helping Women in Business with guest speaker **Leslie Slater** of Canadian Association of Women Executives and Entrepreneurs. The group welcomes anyone interested in attending this program and becoming a part of Tikvah chapter.

For further details, contact **Miriam** at 731-0040 or **Bonnie** at 636-7513.

CHAI TEA

Kinnereth chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, is hosting a Chai Tea on Thursday, May 28, at the home of **Nancy Pencer**, featuring a bake sale from recipes of the the new *Kinnereth Cook Book*, also wardrobe art jewelry by Israeli sculptor **Arik Dan**. Proceeds will go to Youth Aliyah.

For invitations, call **Clare Goodman** at 486-7421 or **Bernice Zwi** at 487-3823.

WANTED — BLACKJACK PLAYERS

Cash and auction items are to be won at the Monte Carlo/Auction/Blackjack Tournament sponsored by Shaareh Haim Brotherhood, Sunday, May 24. Admission is $5, and entry fee of $55 for the ongoing Rapid Blackjack includes admission (tournament prizes are $750 and $250). Also, there's a door prize of a Panasonic CD player.

The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill. Babysitting is available. For tickets, call 884-3353.

WORKS BY TORONTO COMPOSERS

Works by local composers **Ben Steinberg** and **Helen Greenberg** will be premiered at the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir's 66th annual spring concert, Sunday, May 24, at 3 p.m. at Bickford Education Centre, 777 Bloor St. W. Steinberg's *To Dispel the Darkness*, based on Judeo-Spanish nature poetry of the 13th century, will feature flautist **Suzanne Shulman** and soprano **Vera Kaushansky**. Greenberg's *Ha-Eish Asher Ba-Even* (The Fire in the Stone) is a love song set to a poem by Israeli writer **Tuvia Rivner**.

For tickets and information, call 789-5502 office hours or 489-7681 or 633-8184 evenings or weekends.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

If you are a survivor who spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe, whether in the camps, in hiding, passing as a non-Jew, or in the resistance, the Toronto Jewish Congress Documentation Project would like to record your story on videotape for the archives. You will receive a copy of your testimony. For information and an application form, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

BAYCREST TERRACE SYNAGOGUE

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha, Maariv at 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m., preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m.

For information, call **David** at 256-1600.

BBW/C CHAPTER

Spring is traditionally a time for new beginnings, so why not begin with B'nai Brith Women of Canada? If you are interested in getting involved in the Jewish community and meeting women in your area with similar interests, BBW/C has a place for you! You can get in on the ground floor and become part of a new BBW/C chapter forming in Toronto Central. For details, call **Eileen Fields** at 630-9313.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

Twenty adult Canadians are needed to teach English to Russian olim. Be part of this exciting pilot project under the auspices of the Israeli Forum. For more information, call the Israel Aliyah Centre at 633-4766.

LIVING WITH CANCER

Living With Cancer groups are casual drop-in sessions designed for cancer patients, families and friends. You are invited to come, talk or listen, to meet others experiencing similar problems and to share solutions which can be helpful.

Meeting locations are at the Canadian Cancer Society Willowdale Unit, 6075 Yonge St., 4th floor, on alternate Tuesdays from 7:30-9 p.m., telephone 226-0646, and the Weston Unit, 1901 Weston Rd., Unit 6, on the second and fourth Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m., telephone 247-3664.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

An epilepsy support network is being formed. The program will focus on sharing of experiences, stress management and creativity. For information, call **Reisa Gula** at 889-7534.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y's Summer Fun Camp has limited spaces available for ages 4½-10. The camp runs four 2-week sessions. For brochures, call 924-6211.

New at Bloor is a youth gym for 10 to 18-year-olds on Sundays , 2-6 p.m., with activities such as basketball, floor hockey, volleyball. This is free to JCC members.

For updated information on the Single Connection lectures, services and dances at JCC North-East Valley branch, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

for seniors

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is holding a general meeting, Sunday, May 17, at 1 p.m. at the synagogue. Everyone is welcome. Charge is $1 members, $2 visitors. For information, call **Bess** at 783-3206.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include a cruise in Caledonia, Tuesday, May 19; a dance with a live band, Sunday, May 24; Stage West, Wednesday, June 3; Niagara Falls, Tuesday, June 16; Port Dalhousie, Tuesday, July 7; Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel, July 19-24; day trips for members only ($5). For details on trips and activities, call 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club programs include a Mother's Day luncheon, Monday, May 25, at 12:30 p.m. with a musical program by **Lenka Lichtenberg**; Catskill trip to the Homowack Hotel, July 20-28 (reservations available); Coping With Life with **Harriet Sharkey**, co-sponsored by North York Board of Education, Tuesdays 1-3 p.m.; a new Canadian medical program dealing with 24-hour protection and peace of mind, Mondays at 1 p.m.; two cruises — Fenelon Falls, Monday, July 13, and Peterborough Locks, Thursday, Aug. 27. For information on all programs and activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors has arranged a 10-day deluxe trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel, July 19-28 (under New York State kashruth laws), including trips to Corning factory, Atlantic City, Bingham, shopping trips, deluxe medical insurance and much more, all for only $890. A meeting is being held Tuesday, May 19, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Tessler Hall, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. For information, call **Helen** at 462-0258 (days) or 635-6343 after 7 p.m.

Sunshine Seniors, 55 plus, invites you to climb aboard a fun-filled season of day trips — Thursday, June 4, to Milton, Ont., country western show and all-you-can-eat buffet at the Plainsman ($31); Thursday, June 18, Elora Gorge, antique shops, historic St. Jacobs and lunch at Stone Crock Inn ($38); Thursday, June 25, shuffle off to Buffalo; Thursday, July 9, Muskoka Lakes, Aston Villa Resort, full-course lunch ($38); Thursday, July 16, buffet lunch at Nottawasaga Inn, antique and flea markets near Wasaga Beach ($35). All trips and tours include suprise extras. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., the Mixed Media Crafts Thursday program with instructor **Sally Blackman**, co-sponsored by North York Board of Education, continues May 21 and May 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. with Plastic Canvas Embroidery. Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., current events discussions are led by **Doug Haddow**.

The Good Age Club of the JCC Bloor Y branch is holding a lecture on hearing, Thursday, May 14, at 2 p.m. A trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake is arranged for Thursday, May 21. Bus leaves the Bloor Y at 9:30 a.m. Register in advance by calling **Luni** at 924-6211.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The ways and means committee is presenting a gala concert featuring **Jenny Eisenstein** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis** on Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. Admission is $3. All proceeds will go the the centre.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. The May 14 meeting features a first-run movie. The fee is $1. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only.

A dance with music by the Creative Band is set for Sunday, May 17, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Charge is $3.50 members, $4 non-members.

The movie, *My Fair Lady* will be screened Sunday, May 17, at 2:30 p.m. No charge for members, $1 non-members.

A musical afternoon with **Fern Dworkin** is arranged for Wednesday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. Charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

Celebrate Jewish Heritage Week at the Pines Hotel in the Catskills June 22-26. Price is $510 Canadian double accommodation, $600 single, and $505 triple. Call **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112 for details.

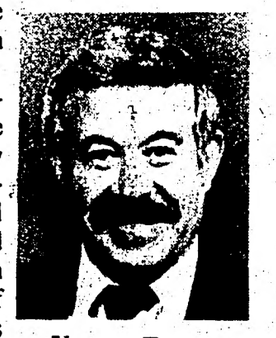
Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen** at 225-2112.

Add spark to your Sunday with a delicious hot meal at a reasonable price every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is $4.50 members, $7.50 non-members.

About People

MEN'S ORT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A new executive director has been named for Ontario Men's ORT. **Col. Yaacov Erez**, a career officer for 23 years in the Israel Defence Force, has assumed the office with headquarters in Toronto.



Yaacov Erez

Born in Brest-Litovsk, Poland, he moved with his family to Israel in 1949. Following high school graduation, he joined the IDF and served in the artillery branch of the Tank Corps. He is a graduate of Tel Aviv University and the Army Staff and Command College.

In 1977 Erez was first assigned to Canada as national executive vice-president of Canadian Technion Society. Following this position, which he held for seven years, he and his wife **Ete** and son **Idan** came to Canada for a second term as national executive director of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. He also has served in professional leadership roles for other Jewish organizations.

ROTHSCHILD HONORED

Upwards of 100 people recently attended a cocktail reception at the home of Honey and Barry Sherman (seated). The reception, honoring Kurt Rothschild, sold over $5 million in State of Israel Bonds and Notes. Standing (from left) are guest speaker Stanley Hartt, Canada Israel Securities president Alex Grossman, chairman of the note committee Mike Florence, and 1992 State of Israel Bond honoree Kurt Rothschild.

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Organizations and People

Orthodoxy's role defined

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
If Judaism is central to one's existence, if it is the idiom of how we see life and the vehicle for the expression of emotion, then one must marry another Jew. That is the only antidote to intermarriage and assimilation, said a professor of sociology at Brooklyn College in New York.

Judaism will survive in some form, said Dr. Mervin Verbit. But Orthodoxy has a special role to play in assuring the maintenance of its strength and character, he said.

Verbit was giving the annual Meyer Gasner Lecture held recently at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The program was sponsored by the synagogue, Mizrachi of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress.

Jewish practice, he said, must become an integral part of the psyche, not merely something one dips into.

When religious adherents disagree with what is happening in the world around them, he said, they can either try to bring the world closer, recognizing that in the process they may be adversely affected by it, or withdraw from the world to maintain their purity.

This, he said, is one of the main distinctions between the centrist Orthodox and the "ultra-Orthodox."

The centrist Orthodox, he said, maintain an openness to other Jews and the culture around them. The haredi, the ultra-Orthodox, on the other hand, limit contact with the world around them largely to the economic sphere, he said.

Both approaches, according to Verbit, are reasonable.

Before the emancipation of European Jewry and the haskalah movement of the late 18th century, he said, Jews defined themselves solely as Jews. Afterwards, they could be Americans, Germans, French or whatever.

"Judaism became just one role among the many people played, not the way in which all the roles were manifested," Verbit explained.

Religion, he said, was seen as something for "fanatics, old people and rabbis."

The modern idea of using a scientific orientation for all things has led to alienation and loneliness, he said.

It took 20 years to look seriously at the Holocaust, he said, because people saw human existence as one of continuous progress and improvement.

The Holocaust was seen as "being outside of history, because the world was always getting better," he said, until we realized that the world was ready to sit and watch other slaughters happen without objecting.

The Holocaust, in other words, was normal, human behaviour, he said, extreme, but normal.

Religion, he said, accepts that sometimes we have to reach conclusions without scientific proof.

"There is no historical proof of what happened at Sinai, yet on Friday night every Jew makes a decision about Shabbat."

Verbit rejected the usual remedies for assimilation: Israel (a recent study at Haifa University showed that 28 percent of the Jewish students there wouldn't object to marrying a non-Jew if there was peace): anti-Semitism ("the earliest Jewish immigrants to the United States have virtually no Jewish descendents"); and education ("mostly we don't know what to teach, because we don't know what being a literate Jewish adult means.")

Rather, he said, we must be a model for the rest of the world, conscious examples of goodness, morality and respect.

"Our task is to show what Jewish life ought to be at its most beautiful," he said.

In his introduction and welcome on behalf of CJC, executive director Yehuda Lipsitz gave chilling statistics from the 1990 Council of Jewish Federations population study, among them that the American intermarriage rate has grown from four percent in 1900 and 12 percent in 1960 to over 50 percent in 1990.

Lizzies Old Timers Association set to hold annual dinner

TORONTO —
The Lizzies Old Timers Association will hold its annual dinner at the Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. on Thursday, May 21.

Besides bringing together alumni of the old Elizabeth Playground, the dinner will raise funds for the Bob Abate Community Recreation Centre, located at Montrose and Bloor Streets.

Bob Abate coached Lizzies teams throughout a 50-year career and is remembered for his emphasis on building character among his athletes. Abate, who died in 1981 at age 87, guided Lizzies teams to more than 150 city, provincial and national championships in baseball, basketball, football and hockey.

About 150-175 Lizzies alumni are expected to attend this year's dinner. Sports writer Tom McKee is guest speaker.

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For more information call the Centre for Jewish Studies: 736-5823.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Toronto's Orthodox Singles presents a **Shevuos Weekend**, June 5-8 at The Rye Town Hilton (40 minutes from New York). For more information Sharon Ganz 785-0761, Ruth Balofsky 764-5833. 9681

Come out to the JCC Valley's **Singles Sensation**, Tennis Round Robin and Dance. Sunday, May 17, 1992. 6:30-8:30pm. Marcia's Round Robin optional- 8:30pm on Music and Dancing. Enjoy fabulous door prizes, cash bar, candlelit coffee lounge, free parking and refreshments at 7015 Leslie Street. Cost $10.00 at the door. Call Nurit for more information ar Marcia to book your Round Robin at 889-0813. 9821

Metro Toronto Singles presents our 2nd annual **Canada Day Summer Cruise** aboard the Tall Ship Empire Sandy. Wednesday, July 1st. Includes all you can eat dinner. **222-7111** for information. 10022

Would you like to spend the Victoria Day Long Weekend at a luxury resort, meeting new friends, and having the time of your life? If you would, then join **Metro Toronto Singles** at our 6th annual Clevelands House Resort weekend getaway May 15-18. Weekend includes: 3 nights deluxe accommodations, 8 gourmet meals, nightly live entertainment, sports, parties, relaxation, workshops and featuring an Israel Cancer Research fundraiser. Bus to and from resort available. **Last chance to register!!! 222-7111** for more information. 9920

Jou Jou Ages 25-40 presents a **House Party**. Saturday, May 23. 9:00pm. Dairy will be served. Advanced sales only- $10.00. Call 781-0939, limited space only. 9684

Attention Attention!!!
Party Changed to Thursday, May 14
The Flamingo Club would like to announce a sooner date for their first event. Keep Thursday, May 14 open. 8:00pm. Cover $10.00. At Jaguar, 212 King Street West. Prizes all night. Any questions call 565-3537. 9827

Metro Toronto Singles presents an inter-city Singles Party at **Pete and Marty's**, 160 Eglinton Avenue East: Sunday, May 24th. 8:00pm. (American Memorial Day long weekend). Cover $10.00. **222-7111** for information. Singles from Detroit and Buffalo have been invited. 10023

Metro Toronto Singles presents our second annual May Long Weekend Party at **Berlin**, 2335 Yonge Street (north of Eglinton). **Sunday, May 17th. 8:00pm.** Cover $10.00. Last year, over 500 people attended. **Blue Jay tickets for the first 25 people.** If you liked our Christmas Eve Party, you'll love our May long weekend party here. **222-7111** for information. 9921

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Wine/Cheese House Party for singles 30-55. Thursday, May 14th. 8:30pm. $10.00.
Dance/Buffet Party. Saturday, May 16th. 8:30pm. $15.00.
Coming Events: Barbeque Garden Party, Cabaret Night. Sonia 771-8448. 9890

"La Party" rolls into Spring with their hottest one yet! D.Kerbel, C.Usher, L.Goodman present, once again, the incredible sounds of **"Reflections" Thursday May 21, 8:00pm**, at the Camelot/Merlins night club, 759 Mount Pleasant Road (1 block south of Eglinton). Dinner reservations available- 486-8147. $13.00 cover (first 100 people $12.00). Grand prize- Trip for 2 to the Concord Resort Hotel courtesy of the Concord Resort Hotel, New York. **Guest hosts** from City T.V., CHFI FM 98, and guest performer "Pierre Benard" from the cast of "Les Miserables".
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Organizations and People

Vancouver MLAs stress need to fight anti-Semitism

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —
There is no precedent for the Holocaust in Jewish history nor in the history of any other people, Vancouver MLA Bernie Simpson, told the British Columbia Legislature Friday (May 1).

Hitler and the Nazis, he said, wanted to murder all Jews because they were Jews. If Jesus, Peter and Paul were alive in Germany during World War II, they too would have been exterminated, Simpson said.

Simpson said the world "must be constantly reminded about the atrocities, or mankind will soon forget the Holocaust and deny that it ever happened. This horrific lesson of man's inhumanity to man must be remembered by future generations so that the tragedy to all human kind will not repeat itself."

The NDP member for Vancouver-Fraserview made an appeal to all political parties and groups to avoid extremism "and be forever vigilent in protecting human rights and fighting discrimination."

There are signs, he warned, that the radical right, "which has as its basic tenets anti-Semitism, denial of the Holocaust, prejudice towards Blacks and other ethnic groups will continue to try and make their way into mainstream political parties," and he cited as an example the former head of the KKK in the United States who ran in the presidential primaries.

Simpson said that "at this very moment a hate conference is being planned in the interior (in Vernon, B.C.) It is being planned by Eileen Pressler whose background is well known. At a 'B.C. Freedom of Speech' meeting she distributed a publication called Protocol for World Conquest, which purports to be a memorandum for the world Jewish conspiracy."

Moving experience

Simpson said that Pressler heads the Council on Public Affairs which publishes The Patriots Advisor, which recently published a phone number which had racist messages.

The MLA said the Vernon community and church groups have condemned the proposed conference and the hotel it was to be held cancelled it.

He said Rev. John Cline, of Vernon's First Baptist Church has announced that the ministers of Vernon will issue a statement condemning the conference.

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Vancouver MLA David Mitchell said in an address to the B.C. Legislature that remembrance of the Holocaust holds much significance for non-Jews as well as Jews.

Noting that he had attended a Yom Hashoah community remembrance at Vancouver's Temple Sholom, Mitchell said "it was a very moving experience — it marked a remembrance of the greatest evil of our age: the systematic attempt to exterminate a people. This was Hitler's monstrous war against the Jews of Europe."

Mitchell, who is not Jewish, said the Holocaust "was an attack on all mankind.

"In reflecting on the Holocaust," he continued, "we should remember that even in our own country there is a very small minority who would prefer that we deny the Holocaust ever happened. They distribute hate literature in the form of 'corrected history.' This is sad — in fact it's tragic. We must fight against such wilful ignorance. We must fight against the ignorance of anti-Semitism."

Mitchell said the Jewish slogan of "never again" should apply to any form of discrimination, prejudice, racism or hatred. "We must aspire to the principles of tolerance, and we must never forget the Holocaust . . . We must be vigilant and we must remember: never before had such an atrocity been committed . . . never again."

Strong Israel essential for Jews' future: Schild

VICTORIA —
Tragedies like the Holocaust have never happened before in the history of Jews and to make sure it doesn't happen again, Jews of the world must continue to provide strong support for the State of Israel, said Rabbi Erwin Schild, at a community meeting held here at Congregation Emanu-El. A survivor of Dachau, Rabbi Schild is rabbi emeritus of Toronto's Adath Israel congregation.

Generation after generation of Jews prayed for 2,000 years for a return to Zion but did not even have a glimmer of the dream coming true, the rabbi said. Now that Israel is a fact, its survival must be assured long after the events of the Holocaust are remembered only as a "black hole" in our history.

Rabbi Schild noted that Jews are now observing the 500th anniversary of the expulsion from Spain but that event can't be compared to the barbarism of the Holocaust. Spain wanted to convert Jews to Christianity and those who refused were expelled, whereas the Nazis wanted to physically destroy the Jews of the world. Had they succeeded, "you and I would not be here now," he said.

The rabbi expressed concern that while Israel is developing as a Hebrew-speaking Jewish nation, thousands of its children are secular and know very little about Judaism as a religion. That is why Mercaz, the Conservative movement, is reaching out to bring a modern version of Judaism to the Israelis, with over 6,000 children involved in some 25 schools sponsored by Mercaz.

Rabbi Schild said the Conservative movement advocates that Israel be part of modern society, but retain a traditionaly more modern approach to religion. Israel should not develop as a strictly secular state.

Rabbi Schild said the Conservative movement is hoping to persuade its Canadian synagogue affiliates to add $18 to membership dues, to be allocated to Mercaz work in Israel.

The rabbi was in Victoria to launch Holocaust remembrance week. The synagogue held a special morning service on Yom Hashoah and another service was held a few days later at the Holocaust memorial located in the Jewish cemetery.

Rabbi Schild was also in Vancouver where he was the principal speaker at the annual Canadian Jewish Congress Yom Hashoah commemorative event at Temple Sholom.

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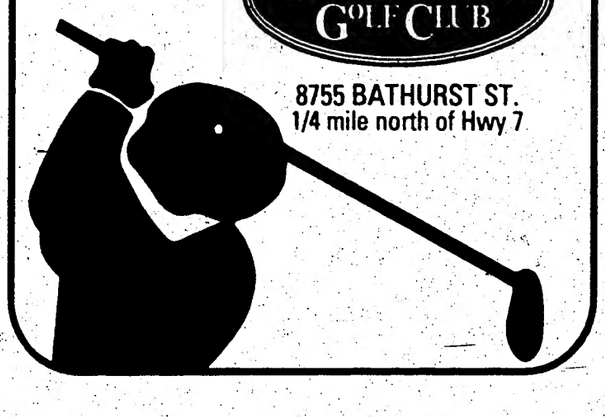

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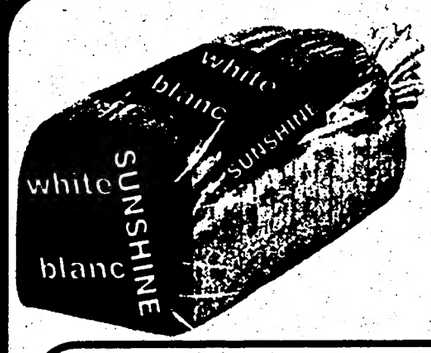

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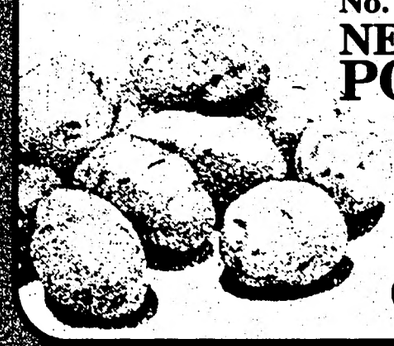

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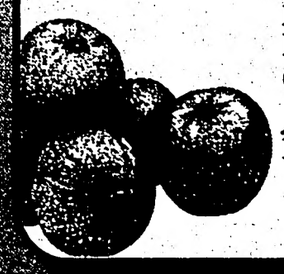

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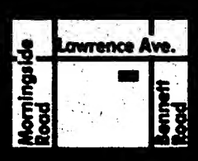

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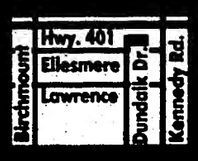

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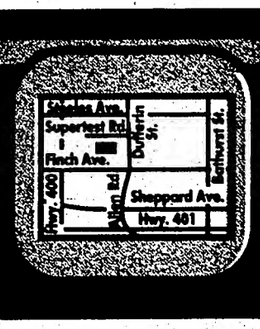

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Organizations and People

CJC region chairman moves on

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

The Pacific region of Canadian Jewish Congress has experienced "the most amazing three years" since the last national plenary, said the region's retiring chairman, Dr. Michael Elterman, at a recent meeting of the regional council of CJC. He will be succeeded by Renee Switzer Bellas.

"It has been very hectic at times," said Elterman. "Some days I would see puzzled clients between television crews and calls from radio and newspapers. During the Gulf War I counted 14 interviews in two days."

Elterman, who will become a national vice-president of Congress, said the Pacific region covers British Columbia, the Yukon and Northwest Territories "and while we are not the most populous region, we are the largest geographically." He said more than 200 volunteers are involved in the region "and we boast a particularly dedicated, innovative and active group of individuals."

Through the community relations committee, chaired by Dan Shmilovitch, the region responded "to each incident of hate literature, graffiti on synagogues or in schools, hate messages on the phone, anti-Semitism in speaking tours by pseudo-historians and Holocaust deniers."

The region, he added, is pushing for a special prosecutor for hate crimes.

An upcoming action in the battle against anti-Semitism is a Canadian Human Rights Commission tribunal hearing against a group of alleged neo-Nazis who established a computerized hate phone line under the name Canadian Liberty Net *(CJN*, April 23). Liberty Net will be defended by Doug Christie, and Congress will be represented by Irvine Epstein, a past CJC regional chairman.

Elterman witnesses growth in communities

The media monitoring and action for Israel committee under Mark Weintraub and Herb Silber met frequently with the *Vancouver Sun*, The Province, CBC-TV and radio and the Knowledge Network to discuss perceived bias in their reporting of Israel. This work was augmented by a speakers' bureau plus numerous letters as op-ed pieces in the newspapers.

Elterman said the last three years has seen growth in the operation of the small Jewish communities committee under Ronnie Tessier and there are now 14 regional community groups, including the Arctic Jewish Community.

Renee Switzer Bellas, the new regional chairman, commented that the "strength and commitment of these small communities will ensure their continued survival in the lifetime of their children and grandchildren."

Elterman said Congress has been successful in reaching out to other ethnic and faith groups and praised Dr. Bernardo Berdichewsky and Rabbi Martin Cohen for their work in this field.

In her acceptance speech, Renee Bellas, the new Pacific region chairman, said that "at the top of our list of priorities here at home is national unity. I urge each and every member of this community to join us in sending the important message across the country that we believe in the unity and strength of Canada as a whole nation, with equal opportunity for each citizen, no matter where in this country they reside."

Bellas paid tribute to "our incredible professional staff from whom I have learned a tremendous amount."

Other officers elected include: vice-chairman, Dan Shmilovitch, Ronnie Tessler, Mark Weintraub; treasurer, Ed Rozenberg; secretary, Helen Pinsky; honorary legal counsel, Herb Silber.

UJA Walk goes to school

TORONTO —

The United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus 1992 Walk for Israel is going to school. The recruitment team of the 24th annual Walk for Israel has begun its drive in the day and supplemental schools. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 31.

Maura Cooperberg and Gilda Neiman, the walk's recruitment co-chairmen, have been responsible for developing scripts for the volunteers, who have begun to visit over 10,000 children ranging from junior kindergarten through high school.

The recruitment drive started after Pesach, although the training began shortly before the Jewish holiday. The trainees are speaking to students at their own levels and promoting the walk.

Most of the classes heard the continuing story of Marina, a character developed last year for recruitment. Marina was a little Russian girl who was making aliyah. This year, the children heard that although she and her family had settled in Israel successfully, there were many others like her who still needed help from the greater Jewish community.

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Men urged to help end violence against women

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
Violence against women, traditionally seen as a woman's problem is really a societal problem, says a co-founder of the lobby and support group, Metro Men Against Violence.

"Men must take responsibility for violence against women. They can be part of the solution," says Ron Sluser.

Sluser spoke at a recent forum on violence against women sponsored by Jewish Women's Federation's social and political action committee. Other speakers included Susan McCrae Vandervote, Metro Action Committee on Public Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC); Lucy Van Wyk, Jewish Family & Child Service; and Linda Silver Dranoff, a lawyer and author of *Every Woman's Guide to the Law*. Author, journalist and broadcaster June Callwood was the moderator.

Sluser told the capacity crowd at Adath Israel Synagogue that growing up in a Jewish community, it was thought that "it was another group causing things, never us. Anything related to violence was not our doing. We may not have been harassing women, but we were not facing up to it either."

Van Wyk said that there is indeed abuse of women and children in the Jewish community. "It is painful, but important that these things be said out loud. The only difference between Jewish women and women in the community at large is that Jewish women tend to stay in abusive relationships longer. To bring the shame out in the open, that peace has been broken in her home is humiliating for the Jewish woman who has often been told that it is her task to keep peace in the family."

Van Wyk stressed that violence is not about women doing something wrong, it is about power and control.

Sluser said that men are not born violent — they are socialized into it. "Men are socialized into being powerful and strong and many become afraid of powerlessness and vulnerability. We need to take responsibility of ourselves and stop our own controlling behavior if we are going to dent this problem."

He said that men need to listen to victims of men's violence and begin to validate and understand women.

Vandervote agreed that the first step in making Toronto a safer place is to stop denying and start talking about all the violence around us. "We must never blame women and children for their victimization," she said.

Van Wyk said that violence almost always escalates unless the problem is addressed. She said that JF & CS is actively engaged in offering services for abused women. These include a shelter with a kosher kitchen, which is run in conjunction with B'nai Brith Women.

Silver Dranoff wondered how women do get the courage to leave an abusive relationship. "It is not always safe or secure to leave," she explained.

She said that violence is not just physical force — it can be verbal, physical or emotional.

"To understand violence we must understand power and this power is rarely taken into consideration in courts," she said. "The legal system is a power system in itself — tough, aggressive and direct. It is not a nurturing mother."

Silver Dranoff said that violence issues arise in family law as well. "The problem in family law is that the courts incorrectly assume that there is equality between men and women. They assume equality in financial and custodial issues. The legal system also presumes that everyone can afford a lawyer, which is not true."

She said that the solution to the problem is stronger punishment of the perpetrator and the education of judges. "We have to have more nurturing shelters and we have to have more women who think about women, in power."

Sluser said that gender equality and the end of violence against women can benefit men as well. "We will be able to leave our stereotypes behind, share our feelings and be less competitive. We will be able to be ourselves."

Health care professionals to discuss Holocaust survivors

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Health professionals are invited to a day-long conference here on May 20 dedicated to the treatment and care of Holocaust survivors and their families.

Over 50 health care workers, including private therapists, nursing home and hospital professionals and social workers have registered, says Florence Weinberger of Jewish Family & Child Service, one of the conference's two sponsors.

The conference will examine the health needs of the aging survivor as well as the pressure faced by caregivers, Weinberger added.

The conference will be the first of its kind in Canada.

It was born of the first National Conference on Identification, Treatment and Care of the Aging Holocaust Survivor, held in Miami in late March.

Over 100 professionals attended, including representatives of Toronto's Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, David Gershowitz, a Downsview pharmacist who serves a large survivor clientele, Myra Giberovitch, co-ordinator of outreach services to Holocaust survivors in Montreal and Pnina Spetgang, director of the Holocaust remembrance committee, the Toronto conference's other sponsor.

Participants heard various health care professionals who have researched the Holocaust's psychological effects on survivors and their children.

Dr. Robert Krell, a child survivor and director of the University of British Columbia's Child and Family Psychiatry Outpatient Department, addressed the Miami conference and he will be the keynote speaker in Toronto.

The conference will establish that the health needs of aging survivors is now an important issue, Spetgang told *The CJN*.

As survivors age, many tend to dwell on their memories, she pointed out. Alzheimer's and other disorders affecting the elderly often trigger unpleasant recollections, she added.

The Holocaust has had a unique psychological effect on child survivors, Spetgang said. Because thousands of Jewish youngsters were robbed of their childhood, many have become jaded adults, unwelcome of change or afraid of authority.

Often, health care professionals mistreat manifestations of Holocaust-related trauma, Spetgang said. That's why the conference will stress the need to listen to survivors in a sensitive and compassionate way and to weigh factors such as environment and medication.

The conference will also feature a round-table discussion between health professionals and older survivors.

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The state of our Health

Proposed changes to alter home care industry

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Canada, it is said, has one of the "best" health care systems in the world and foreign delegations who have been sent here to study the system, seem to agree.

Now, with decreased government financial support, huge hospital deficits, OHIP coverage cutbacks and an aging population that is flooding the existing system, the health care industry has entered a period of crisis.

One possible solution that is designed to ease the pressure on the system comes from Ontario's NDP government.

The proposal, entitled the Redirection of Long-term Care and Support Services in Ontario, targets seniors and the physically disabled.

The original document involved the Ministry of Health, the Ministry for Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Citizenship.

The proposal places an emphasis on the importance of an integrated health and social services community-based system.

Health Minister Frances Lankin writes that the "shift from reliance on institutional or hospital-based services to community alternatives must continue. We need to ensure, in our present economic climate, a balance between affordability and compassion for those who require a wide range of health and social support services."

Patrick Laverty, director of the long-term care policy branch, says that after a five month consultation period which involved over 60,000 people from the industry, the ministries involved will present the final package.

"Depending upon when they make that announcement, some of the proposals could be put in place this year. Those decisions that require legislation could be implemented by the first of next year," he says.

But what are some of those proposals and how will they ultimately affect those who need care?

Laverty says that the document essentially integrates the homemaker or home care provider into the new health and personal support program. Patients who require their services will no longer need the provision of professional services (i.e. nursing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy or speech/language pathology) to qualify for home care.

Laverty explains that in the new proposal, an assessment of need will be made through a service co-ordination agency (SCA).

Among the number of things the document will determine out will be the relationship between the public and private health care sectors. Laverty says the document carries a non-profit preference as far as the delivery of service is concerned.

He adds that overall, the direction of the document is positive.

Monica Kunz, community relations officer at the Home Care Program for Metropolitan Toronto, agrees with

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Book describes family's struggle in dealing with Alzheimer's

By
RANDI DRUZIN

Holding on to Ettie is a short but sweet account of a woman's struggle with Alzheimer's disease and of her husband's desperate struggle to defeat it.

Abe Goldman and Drollene P. Brown describe Alzheimer's disease clinically and emotionally.

Readers suffer with Ettie through the gradual deterioration of her health. We are first puzzled by her short lapses in memory, then dismayed by her dependence on a complicated system of written reminders to get her through the day, and finally heartbroken when, after years of pretending, Ettie shares her anguish with her husband, Jake.

When Ettie is put in a nursing home because her health has deteriorated to the point where she can no longer take care of herself or communicate, we begin to follow Jake through his daily travails.

Though Jake is first introduced to us as a ruthless, very successful businessman, we come to regard him as a man who is generous enough to buy clothing for the children of Ettie's attendant and compassionate enough to spend hours with his wife every day, not certain whether she's even aware he's beside her.

We grow to admire Jake for his determination that "Ettie will get well," and we sympathize with him when he reminisces about the first time he kissed her, and about their first years together during World War II.

It is through Jake's "reveries" that we truly appreciate the ravages of Alzheimer's disease; we see that it has transformed Ettie from a vivacious, articulate and independent woman into an inert, hapless and helpless patient.

Jake's conversations with nursing home personnel give us all the information we should read (but probably wouldn't) in a pamphlet or brochure. "How about that

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Health

Plan affects health groups

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Laverty that the time for integrated home care has arrived.

She was quick to point out that most people prefer to receive care at home rather than in the hospital but proper access to support services must first be in place.

The way the system is now, if a patient is not eligible for home care, they are given alternatives. People are not just let go if they don't meet the criteria, Kunz says.

"This is a very supportive system. While I'm the first to admit that we do a great job, I'm also the first to admit there are gaps," she says.

She adds that the proposal will reorganize the structure of the system and the change in orientation from reactionary care to preventative care will ultimately stretch health dollars.

Senior Link executive director Judith Leon expects the final document to be different from its present form, accommodating those considerations that were brought forth during the consultation period.

Leon says the original document pays too much attention to community and neighborhood. The proposal, she says, comes from "people who sat in an ivory tower and said that if people want community, they'd give them community."

The top complaint concerning the proposal is the SCA. Leon describes these agencies as "another layer of bureaucracy that is designed to deal with things that are already being done."

"In large urban areas like London or Toronto, the idea of co-ordinating agencies is ridiculous," she says, adding that it is only in rural areas that such agencies may be needed.

She says what the government is doing now is for the long term and it is important to get it right even if it takes two or three years.

"If the government fulfils its commitment to shifting resources between institutions and the community, we should see a greater emphasis on community care," says Michael Scheinert, executive director of Senior Care.

Scheinert says that most professional health care givers favor a comprehensive multiservice organization that is reponsible for the full gamut of health services under one umbrella. He adds that these services should be provided by the nonprofit sector, allowing control and regulation of the quality of care.

Michael Latner, senior executive vicepresident of the Dynacare Health Group Inc., (a private health care company) is of the opinion that the services are needed — who supplies them is not the issue.

"The greater the provision of service, the wider the scope of service to the people in Ontario is. We don't view this as a business even though we operate as a business. We look at the needs of people in terms of health," he says, adding that government and private health care businesses have been working hand-in-hand for the past 40 years.

"People require different levels of in-home care and through the efforts of private and government services, they are getting it," Latner says.

Cyclist Paul Lungen demonstrates use of the Greenscreen mask (Photo by Ella Burakowski).

Masking summer pollutants

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Take your minds back to a typical Toronto summer's day.

It's hot; the humidity is hovering at 120 percent, maybe more; the air isn't moving. Above the urban landscape, a greyish-brown haze refuses to budge. Pollution continues to pour into the sky and the radio announces that people with breathing problems should stay indoors.

Sound advice for those with medical problems, but what about the rest of us? Especially those whose main means of transportation is the bicycle. Aren't we breathing the same noxious vapors that are endangering the shut-ins?

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According to Greenscreen Canada, which holds the sole distribution rights for the Great White North, the mask, when equipped with its charcoal filter insert, "significantly reduces air-borne pollutants" like sulfur dioxide.

Ihor Rudensky, a spokesman for the air resources branch of Ontario's Ministry of the Environment, said that while he was unfamiliar with the Greenscreen mask, "sulfur dioxide and ozone are scrubbed out by activated charcoal."

Tests performed by Miller-Nelson Research Company, a Monterey, Calif. firm that does occupational safety tests, found that: "The Greenscreen activated carbon filter significantly reduces [benzene and sulfur dioxide]."

In addition to finding a niche among active cyclists, the mask has proven popular with those suffering from allergies, Steinberg said.

The mask was designed and developed in England four years ago by South Africans Michael and Daniel Schreiber. About 7,000 units in Ontario have been sold in the past two years and tens of thousands worldwide, Steinberg said.

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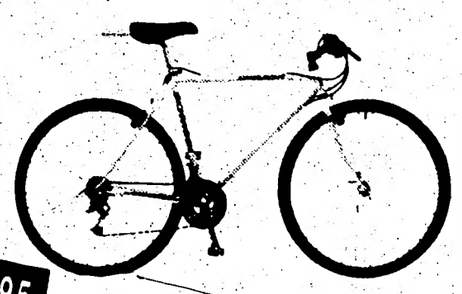

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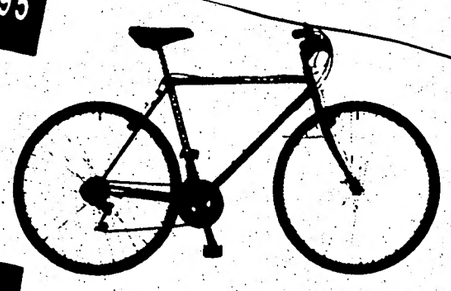

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Late-deafened adult has learned to cope

By
JOSEPH SERGE

TORONTO —
Imagine a world without the sound of music. Imagine not being able to hear the phone ring or enjoy the theatre or movies.

For one out of 10 Canadians, this requires very little imagination. Ten percent of Canadians are deaf or hard of hearing. Seventy-eight percent of these people are "late-deafened," that is they became deaf as adults.

On July 17, 1986, Bena Schuster, then 50, woke up deaf due to an unidentified virus. "I became deaf overnight," she said. "I thought the radio was broken but it was me that was broken. I was hearing one day, the next day people were writing on note pads (to communicate)."

Schuster's left ear can hear at only three percent the normal level, her right ear less than 13 percent. "Obviously I'm pretty deaf. I can hear the sound but can't make out the words."

People with outer or middle ear hearing problems could be cured but for those like Schuster, with inner ear deafness (nerve deafness), it is irreversible.

"I was never bitter," she said. "I was bewildered and confused. It was like being born again. Like Alice in Wonderland I entered another world of which I knew nothing. At first I wasn't told it was going to be permanent. It took me a while to realize it was permanent.

"I was very depressed. I thought I can't work, I can't listen to music, watch TV, or go to concerts. I can't fly and I was a world traveller. (Her doctor discouragedd her from flying until recently.) So what's left? I felt very bad."

That night as Schuster soaked in her tub she thought of her favorite playwright, the turn of the century Russian writer Anton Chekhov. "I thought he couldn't fly because there were no airplanes, he couldn't watch TV or go to the movies or listen to records or radio. A hundred years ago people lived without these things and lived full lives."

She says her deafness has not affected her work as a freelance story editor and consultant although some people are nervous around her. "I have to make them understand that it's my hearing that is impaired, not the rest of me. Some people are shy and become uncomfortable when I'm staring at their faces all the time."

In 1990 she was commissioned to write a play called *Beginnings* which accompanied the A Coat of Many Colours exhibit in Ottawa. It was given 80 performances in English, French and in sign language.

Schuster took seven courses in sign language as well as courses on lip-reading. At first she had to go to a voice pathologist because she was talking too loudly or whispering.

"I can have a conversation very well in sign providing they [the other parties] don't go too fast. The longer you do it, the more adept and better you get. It is a beautiful language, a wonderful way to communicate," she said and proceeded to show me the sign words for my name and *The Canadian Jewish News*.

Schuster is voluntarily compiling a resource book for late-deafened adults. "This lists the things I wish I had when I became deaf. When you're alone and you become deaf there is no way you can know anything about being deaf. I am well-read and sophisticated, yet I knew absolute zero about deafness. When I became deaf nobody told me anything and there are thousands of things to know.

"Some late-deafened people are suicidal. They can't hear their children, their marriages get in trouble, they lose their jobs, their self-esteem and their self-respect. Hopefully with this book people can help themselves to confront deafness and live with it."

Laugh at yourself

Schuster said she misses music most of all. "Everyone has different things that hit them the most. Music was part of my life. With my hearing aid I can make out a dissonant noise like in a horror movie but there is no melody. It is awful." Her favorite artist is Bach although she liked different music for different moods.

"I can't enjoy the things that were a large part of my life like concerts, theatre, movies, going to lectures and poetry readings. Parties are not enjoyable.

"Everybody goes through grieving and sadness. I gradually dealt with my loss. It helps to laugh at yourself. I make mistakes and am constantly misunderstanding people." For instance once when she was speaking to a soft-spoken woman she couldn't understand, Schuster merely nodded her head and said "That's nice." It turned out the woman had told her she'd just been to a funeral. "Deafness is fatiguing because you work so hard to understand others."

Schuster is involved in many deaf societies and groups to provide support and solidarity and is acting president and vice-president of the Canadian Deaf and Hearing Persons Association.

There is a Jewish society for deaf people in Toronto and many religious services are now performed in sign language. "A lot of deaf people grew up without religious instruction, but now that's different." Almost all religions have services in sign.

Schuster is not ashamed of her deafness. "Nobody hides their glasses, yet people hide their hearing aids. My hearing aid is bright red, I flaunt my device. If people don't know you're deaf how can they communicate with you." Schuster is frustrated by people who don't take care of their hearing.

"Hearing people take intimacy for granted, jokes, whispering asides, whispering sweet-nothings, romantic tete-a-tetes in the night, birds singing and the subtle sounds of nature. When I see someone wearing a Walkman I want to go up to him and pull it off his ears."

For more information on deafness or hearing impairment call the Canadian Hearing Society at 964-9595 or the Toronto Jewish Society for the Deaf at 669-2525.

Advanced gizmos

Schuster is grateful that at least she became deaf during this part of the century. Her apartment is full of the technological gizmos that make her life more bearable. Her telephone is hooked up to a Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD). This electronic typewriter device allows her to communicate with anyone else with such a machine. If she's talking to someone without a TDD, Bell operators act as relayers between the two parties.

She has a fax machine, a vibrating alarm clock she puts under her pillow, a close-captioned descrambler for her television and lights that flash when her telephone rings.

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Health

Optimistic ending

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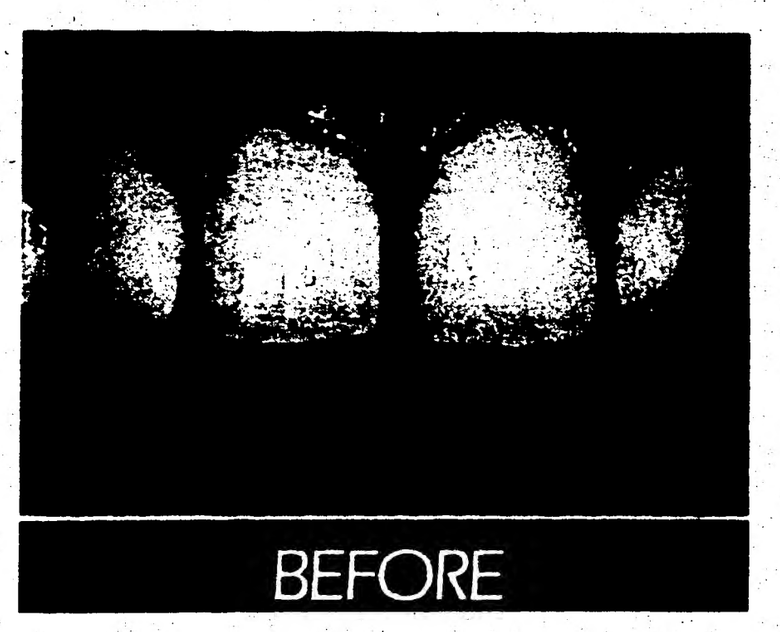
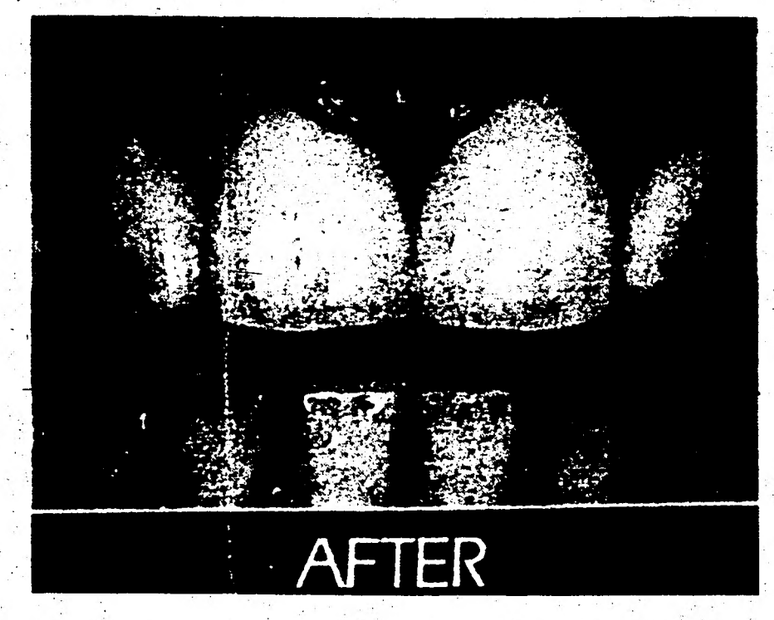
Romanian stuff you can get in Nevada?" Jake asks Ettie's doctor. "Geronital H-37," comes the reply. "It doesn't work. It neither restores nor enhances memory." They then discuss Haldol and finally decide to try "a new experimental drug" called THA which, the doctor makes clear, is very difficult to obtain in the United States.

While Ettie contents with the side effects of THA, Jake has heated exchanges with his two children, who both live out of town and encourage Jake to admit defeat and "let her go."

The book is hopeful, but truthful. We're inspired at the end of the book when Ettie's condition improves enough so that she can manage a few words and a drive through the country.

Jake's progress, a man who's all but lost his wife to Alzheimer's, is exceptional. "I see things differently now," the former CEO of a multinational corporation says to an orderly. "Coming here has changed me on the inside as much as my wife has changed on the outside."





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Cosmetic dentistry offers clients a perfect smile

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —

The rapid advancements in the field of cosmetic dentistry in the past few years are in many ways reflections of the maturation of dental science.

It's not that dentists haven't always endeavored to make their client's teeth look as white and straight as possible, but in the past they just didn't have as much time to spend on it.

"The emphasis has shifted to doing a lot of cosmetic work," says Dr. Peter Rockman, whose practice is located at the Med Care Clinic at Thornhill Square. "With fluorides and better care we're doing less decay work than in the past, so now we can focus more on aesthetics."

Dr. David Somer, who runs his own practice and is president of the Ontario Dental Association, says the rise in prominence of cosmetic dentistry also reflects a shift in attitude by many dental practitioners.

"Some turned their noses up in the past, saying 'I'm a health care practitioner and this is not health care,' but now most believe that if it makes a patient feel better about themself, then it is health care. Most dentists now offer cosmetic treatments and there is all kinds of training available as well," says Somer.

As much as attitudes have changed, technology has played a major role in expanding the dentist's bag of tricks. "We've been trying to do cosmetic things for years and years, but now it's almost a guaranteed success," says Somer.

The biggest change has been the development of materials, made out of composite plastic resins and porcelain, that bond to the teeth, forming a thin layer that covers stains, closing spaces or reshapes teeth into a more eye-pleasing form. Teeth often require little preparation, and — white-knucklers take note — there is little if any pain involved.

"Every year we're seeing improvements in materials — they get stronger, more durable and better-looking," says Rockman. "And it doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg for good aesthetic dentistry."

Here's a brief rundown of some cosmetic treatments and what they offer:

Bleaching: Though "it's not the answer for every discolored tooth," according to Rockman, bleaching — and home-bleaching — can work out well. The dentist creates a molded mouthguard shaped to the patient's teeth and bleaching can then be done at home, by putting a few drops of bleaching solution in the mouthguard and wearing it for a few hours a day for several days, while intermittently changing the solution.

The treatment is still relatively new, and may need to be repeated after a period of time, but this can be an inexpensive method of improving whiteness.

Reshaping: Another painless and inexpensive treatment, reshaping or recontouring consists of filing down teeth that are pointy, longer than others or chipped. This is another inexpensive way of quickly improving the look of teeth.

Cosmetic bonding: Somer says the biggest technological leap in cosmetic dentistry is the ongoing development of resin and porcelain veneers that bond directly to the tooth to hide stains, cover faded fillings or alter the size, shape or position of a tooth.

"There is minimal preparation of the tooth required and it is not a traumatic experience. Often not even a local anaesthetic is needed and the thin porcelain veneers are very, very strong indeed," Somer says.

The plastic and porcelain veneers are strong and long-lasting, but it must be stressed that their function is cosmetic. They do not add strength to the tooth itself. For that reason they don't replace the need for crowns when a tooth is damaged due to decay.

The plastic veneers are made of the same materials as those used in white fillings. They can be applied in one visit to hide discoloration, close spaces, lengthen or widen teeth. The material costs less than porcelain but stains more easily and isn't as long-lasting.

The application of porcelain veneers requires two appointments, one to make a mold of the tooth or teeth in question, the second to ready the tooth and bond the veneer on to it. Porcelain looks more natural, with a white sheen and a higher resistance is also more durable, lasting 10 to 15 years, almost as long as crowns.

Implants: Bridges are still an effective way of replacing missing teeth, says Somer. But new technology has allowed for the development of implants, which consists of a false tooth and root that is implanted and fused to the jaw bone.

Crowns: The procedure of covering and protecting the remaining parts of a decayed tooth is not new, but new materials have improved the look of crowns. As well as their functional use, crowns can also be used to correct misalignments and close spaces.

Orthodontics: This branch of dentistry works toward improving both function and form of misaligned teeth. Somer says that the development of porcelain veneers enables dentists to correct minor tooth discrepancies that once required orthodontics. But for major aesthetic and functional problems orthodontics is still the way to go. Advancements in this field have allowed practitioners to offer quicker, less obtrusive and painful treatment.

There are some dentists who have made cosmetics the mainstay of their practice. But most general practitioners are now trained in the techniques and both of those interviewed suggest that people start with their regular dentist to talk about treatment.

Rockman advises sitting down and talking honestly with the dentist about needs and expectations. "We can give a realistic view of what they will look like after the treatment," he says.

Maintaining healthy, attractive teeth is a responsibility shared between the patient and the dentist, and Somer says that is something to keep in mind when considering cosmetic work.

"If you're not prepared to maintain things well, then it's probably not a good investment."

Emergency alternatives listed

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
You're not feeling well and your doctor's office is closed for the weekend. Where do you turn?

According to Dr. Howard Ovens, co-director, division of emergency services at Mount Sinai Hospital, if you've developed an unusual symptom such as a new pain, large amount of bleeding, shortness of breath, dizziness or general weakness, by all means go to the hospital emergency ward.

"Anyone developing these symptoms should be looked at immediately by a doctor. He can assess the situation quickly and perform appropriate measures."

Ovens says that most people do not abuse emergency wards by using them when they could have easily gone to a doctor's office. "It is a well-known fact that a large number of patients are discharged from emergency without a serious diagnosis but that does not mean they should not have come. The symptom they developed made it appropriate to seek immediate medical attention."

He concedes that there is a small group of people who use emergency wards as a convenience. "Although this issue gets a lot of attention in the media it is not really a clinical or economic concern. It may be an emotional annoyance for the people concerned, but it is not a drain on the system."

He says that it is not a large enough problem to warrant charging user fees. "The people who come into the emergency ward without genuine reason are usually looked at last and this causes them as much annoyance as it may cause the staff."

Those who feel ill and cannot get out to see a doctor will benefit from M.D. on Call, a service that sends doctors out to people's homes.

Owner Howard Shore says that his agency provides house calls to patients of any age. "Most of our calls are for pretty straightforward illness such as flu, infections, and bad coughs but if a doctor does get to a home and determines that the person needs hospital care he will arrange for an ambulance to get them to the hospital."

He says that the agency should be used as a temporary measure when a patient can't get to a doctor or the family doctor is off duty. "We advise people to see their family doctor to follow-up on their illness. M.D. on Call should be used as an extension of, rather than instead of the family doctor."

Walk-in medical clinics, such as Full Care M.D. Clinics, are another option for those seeking medical attention. "An ill person can walk in without an appointment and be seen by a physician," says Sue Draper, a clinic therapist.

Draper says that those who wish, can see the same doctor all the time and use him as their family physician. "All they have to do is call to determine that particular doctor's hours and if they want they can make an appointment to see him. A patient can fill many of their health-care needs at walk-in clinics."

Seniors, or anyone else who fears what would happen if they had an accident in their home and couldn't get to a telephone should look into the Lifecall system, a button that activates emergency response services.

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The boutique was built six years ago on the philosophy that ensures that customers walking in are pampered as they would be when shopping in the best shops in Europe. It is this, Ingrid belives, that has customers lining up outside the store on busy days.

The Stevens also import chocolates for hotels, clubs, restaurants and cruise lines across the United States and Canada, and of course they pick up the very best for their Toronto boutique.

The chocolate business runs in Ingrid's family. Her uncle revolutionized chocolate truffle making and he and Ingrid's mother made and sold chocolates in northern Italy and in the idyllic Swiss Alps overlooking Lake Lucerne.

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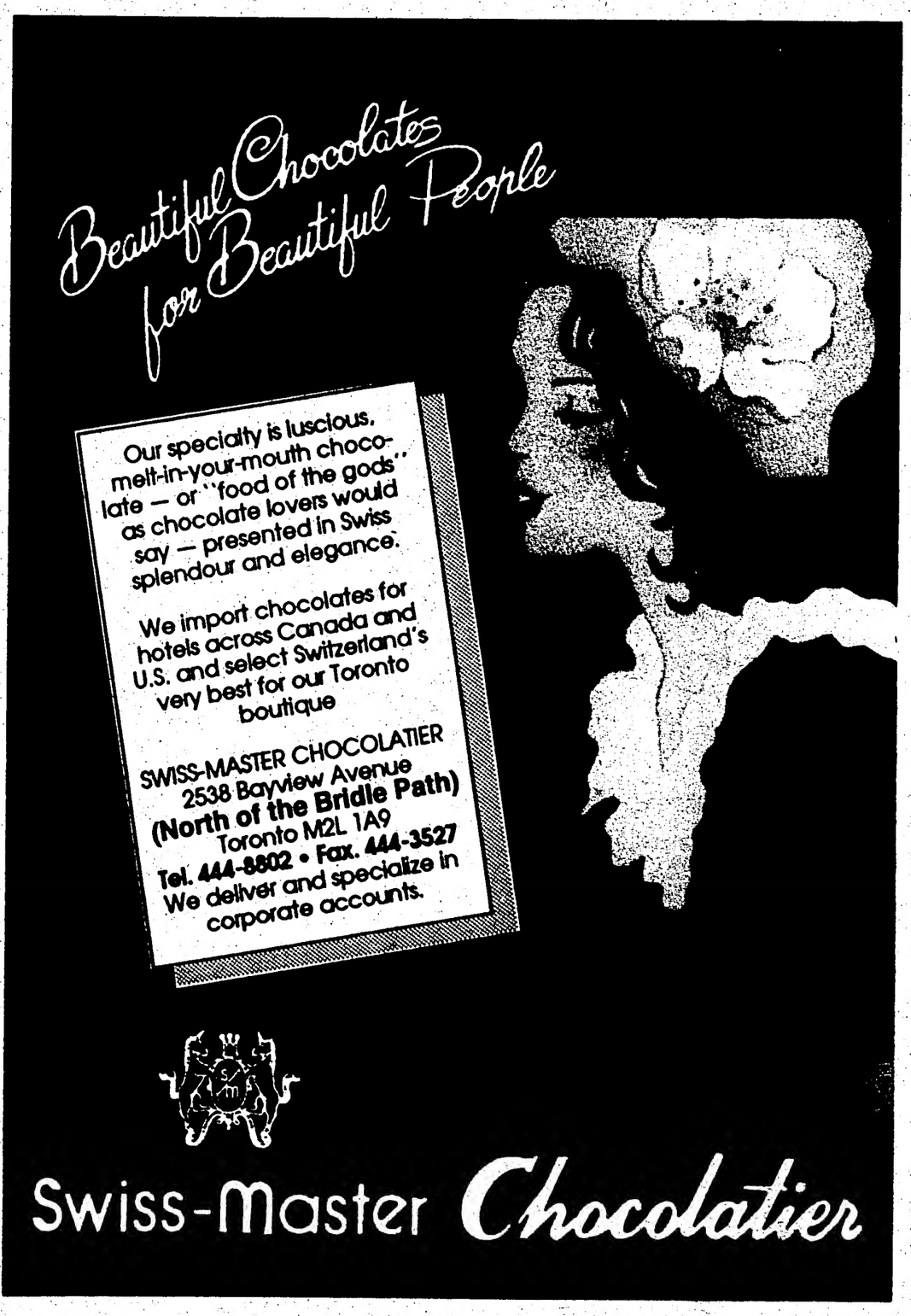
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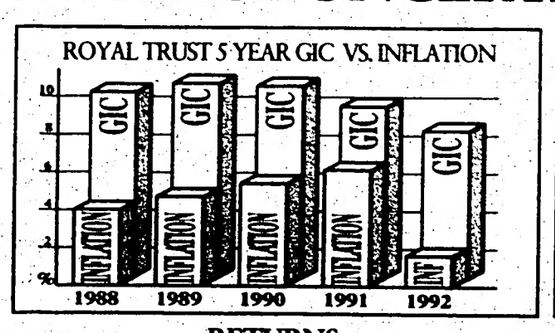

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Fremont says many celebrities have benefited from hair transplants including Frank Sinatra and Elton John. Local television personalities are some of Fremont's clients.

Fremont says many of the hair replacement ads you see in the newspapers are all scams. "There is no way you can grow hair in a bottle. People shouldn't be deceived by promises of new techniques and new technology. There is nothing new under the sun.

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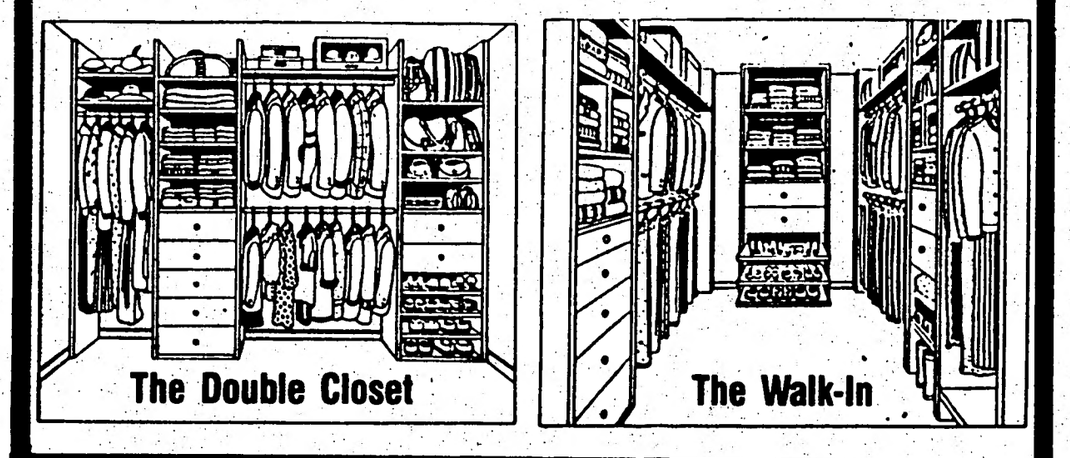

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LifeStyle

Bregman's restaurant offers quality, service

Stagnation is not a word the owner of Bregman's Bakery Restaurant is familiar with. Expanding and trying new things is his basic rule for running a successful business.

As the name suggests, Bregman's Bakery Restaurant is a combination of the two. The bakery sells a variety of breads and pastries including bagels, muffins, croissants, danishes, cakes, etc.

"We bake everything on the premises using the best quality ingredients," says owner David Schnoll. "We don't compromise on that end."

The restaurant portion seats 44 people and serves basic fast foods including a wide variety of sandwiches, salads and soups.

"I enjoy listening to my customers. I make changes based on what they tell me. You can't fool customers," Schnoll says. "They are aware of quality and service concerns. You have to be on your toes to meet the concerns of the customers.

"I respond to it as a challenge. That's the part I enjoy, wondering how we can make this place better."

Some of the new directions include new savory croissants which Schnoll says he "can't bake fast enough." The store uses new airbrushing techniques for cake decorations allowing them to do corporate logos, or any design for theme parties.

Today Schnoll has noticed customers are becoming increasingly concerned with what they eat. Bregman's is developing new menu ideas to accommodate this. "We're moving towards European country-style foods: simple, nutritious, fresh products."

Schnoll said his customers enjoy the quality of his bread products. "They rely on the quality we offer. We don't cut short on ingredients and the quality stays really good."

Variety of bagels

The bakers, trained in the traditional European/Jewish manner, offer a wide variety of bagels which, Schnoll says, are larger than those you usually buy.

Bregman's Bakery Restaurant has been open at the Bayview Village Mall since December 1984. Schnoll built his store on the tradition Lou Bregman set when he opened the first store.

"We have expanded on his tradition of good quality breads," Schnoll says. "We are not afraid to try new things."

Home recovery services listed

These days, we hear a a lot about home health care and home health care centres; how they allow people to take charge of their bodies while maintaining independence and that they save the health system — and the taxpayer — millions of dollars annually. Yet, home health care is still misunderstood by many.

In between the extremes of applying a bandage over a small cut and taking out an appendix on the kitchen table, lies a whole world of walking assists, home safety accessories, diabetic products, braces, supports, respiratory devices, wound dressings, scooters, breast forms and much, much more. These products, along with the knowledgeable advice of professionals and the loving care of friends and family, make up home health care.

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LifeStyle

Car dealership offers service

Customer service is the name of the game in any industry today, but the New Parkwood Central has taken it a step further.

Not only does owner Paul Stern ensure that each customer receives the same top-quality service but he has on staff two well-known Jewish sales and leasing people who cater specifically to the needs of the Jewish community.

These sales people are Trevor Ben-Zion Kahn and Morris Siegel.

"Come buy a car here," says Ben-Zion Kahn. "What we are trying to do is not only build the Jewish connection but have people on staff who really understand what you need.

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It is Stern's dedication to the industry that brought him from his position in management and sales 12 years ago to his present day ownership of two dealerships. In addition to the New Parkwood Central, Stern also owns Toronto Dodge Chrysler.

"Paul is a hands-on dealer. It is common for him to be on the floor dealing with the customer. He plays a very visible role," says Ben-Zion Kahn, adding that it is everyone's job to keep the customer happy during the entire lifetime of the car.

"We do tremendous repeat business here — once you've driven one of our cars, you'll always come back," he says.

"The one thing that makes a successful salesman is the ability to make the customer feel at ease. Price is very important, but personal relationships are too. When times are tough, service is what counts. If the customer gets the service, the salesman gets the sale."

He adds that while today's customer is cautious, people are still buying cars. He says that the clients are not just from the upper end of the scale. Instead, cars are being purchased by clients from the complete economic spectrum.

The New Parkwood Central is located at Yonge and Eglinton. They are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Repeat business

Client referrals builds business

In January, Toronto Dodge Chrysler celebrated its fifth anniversary. The dealership opened in January 1987 in a building that had originally been a Bell Telephone warehouse.

Needless to say, in just five years, Toronto Dodge Chrysler has transformed the building into one of the most modern dealerships in the city, says Doug Love, service manager of the organization.

He is quick to point out that the dealership, owned by Paul Stern, has consistently been listed in the top 10 as far as volume is concerned and the service department has been in the top five from the standpoint of customer satisfaction.

"The success of the dealership has been based on customer referrals as well as our convenience to the downtown core.

"Toronto, as a city, is truly multicultural and Toronto Dodge Chrysler prides itself on its multicultural staff and its ability to greet customers in 14 different languages, including Hebrew," says Love.

May Raksha and John Samson are both Hebrew-speaking sales representatives who are members in good standing of the Chrysler Sales Guild (a very prestigious group of salespeople based on sales achievement and customer satisfaction).

The dealership's dedication to customer service is illustrated further by the customer shuttle service that travels to and from the subway and neighboring businesses.

As far as trends within the industry, Love says there are two current models that are doing well at his dealership — the Caravan and the Stealth.

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Love says that due to their location, at 321 Front St. E. at Parliament, Toronto Dodge Chrysler tends to attract upper-end clients and the Stealth is geared to this market segment.

As far as overall trends are concerned, safety features and environmental factors are driving the industry. Air bags are now considered essential and there is an emphasis on fuel economy.

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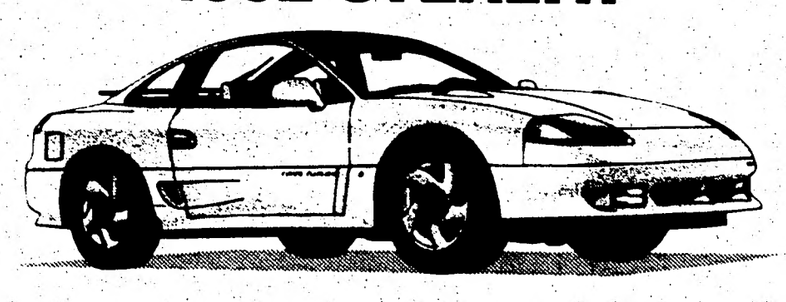

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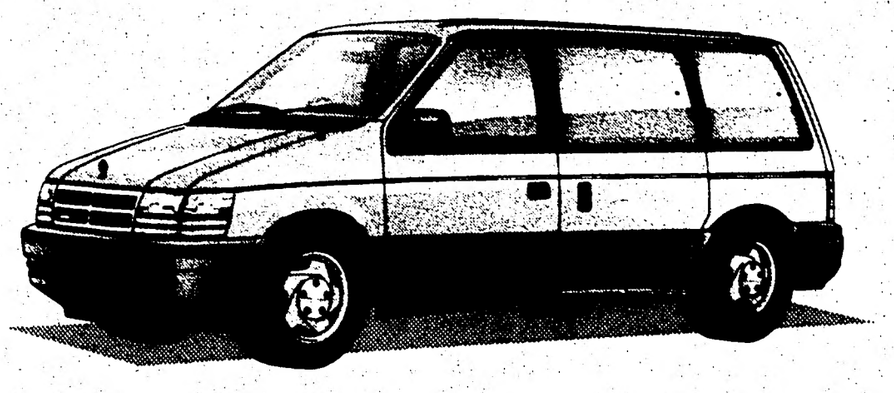

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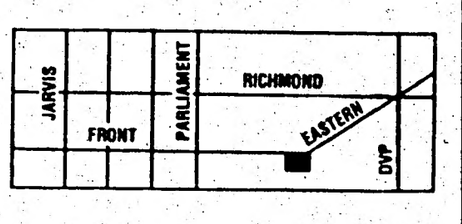

Profit-sharing plan

LifeStyle

Realtor sees only a silver lining in cloud of recession

Recession? What recession? As far as the staff of Dynamic Results Realty are concerned there is no recession, at least not in their minds.

"Our attitude is that it doesn't exist," says Barry Gluckstein, general manager of Dynamic Results Realty. "We can't let the recession get to us. The business is there, we have to go out and get it."

Technically speaking, Gluckstein doesn't feel a recession should hurt a real estate agency that knows the market well. "Now's an excellent time to buy a house because interest rates and prices are lower." Once the market does increase you can make a good profit when you sell.

Get a good trade up

Gluckstein says now is also a good time to sell and get a good trade up.

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Dynamic Results Realty is successful because of its highly motivated and well-trained staff. The company is unique because it offers its 22 agents a profit-sharing plan. "This is not common place in the industry," Gluckstein says. Under this plan, agents partake in the annual company profits in addition to their commissions. With this incentive Dynamic Results agents work harder than others.

Gluckstein has been in the real estate business since 1979. Along with Ena and Ron Smith, Gluckstein is part owner of Dynamic Results Realty.

Previously called RIC Realty, Dynamic Results re-opened in January, 1992 and is now furnished with all the latest computer technology to make the company more efficient.

The realty buys and sells residential and commercial property in Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Willowdale and Aurora.

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says Haroun. "Our customer is the most important person in our business and we strive to give every customer a reason for coming back." Haroun says the most enjoyable part of his job is servicing the people. "We keep them healthy, that's the main thing."

The CIMS pharmacy chain began in 1977 and began to develop its standards for competitive prices, good customer service and well-qualified staff.

Since then it has enjoyed great success and continued to expand. On April 1 of this year, it opened its newest location at the North-Med Medical building at 7131 Bathurst St. Now there are five CIMS locations across Metro Toronto employing over 100 full and part-time employees. The stores are wheelchair accessible.

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Arts

Rebbe's granddaughter wins Toronto Book Award

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The granddaughter of the Strettiner Rebbe, Rabbi Shlomo Langner, has won a City of Toronto Book Award of $1,000 with her novel *Next of Kin*.

Marianne Langner Zeitlin, who was born on Maria Street in the Junction area of Toronto, and now lives in Rochester, N.Y., has stiff opposition for the major award of $8,000 from seven other short-listed writers, one of them being Margaret Atwood, author of *Wilderness Tips*. The big winner is to be announced May 20.

Next of Kin is a partly biographical story at whose centre is the death of her real-life sister, Esther Langner Spivak, in a car accident at Cheyenne, Wyoming. The driver of the car which killed her was drunk.

Zeitlin's father was Rabbi Mordecai Langner of Knesseth Israel Congregation on Maria Street, one of the oldest shuls in Toronto still operating. Three of her father's brothers were also rabbis in Toronto — Shlomo, at the Kiever Shul; Avraham, at a shtebl on Markham Street, and Itzak-Issac, at a shtebl on D'Arcy Street. Her grandfather, the Strettiner Rebbe, had a big shul on Cecil Street.

"My grandfather arrived in Toronto with four sons and he literally divided up the territory, and my father, Mordecai, who was already 25, was given the Junction," Zeitlin said. "Later, in 1938, when Jewish families moved out of the Junction, and Knesseth Israel could no longer afford to pay his salary, he had a small shul on College Street near Manning Avenue."

A plaque in honor of her dead sister was unveiled at Knesseth Israel in 1977 with many former congregants in attendance.

Carrying on the rabbinical tradition in the family is Zeitlin's brother, Rabbi Allan Langner of Temple Beth El in Montreal. When her brother was ordained at a Conservative synagogue in London, Ont., the Strettiner Rebbe brushed aside protests from his Orthodox flock and attended, saying it was necessary to adjust to the customs of a new country.

Zeitlin's father died in 1948, at the early age of 51, only a week after the State of Israel was established. "He marched in the parade in Toronto celebrating the new state and there was a big argument at the time about whether Hallel should be said in the synagogues in honor of Israel. Some people said Hallel should not be said until the Messiah arrived, but my father led his shul at the next Shabbat service in the recitation of Hillel. He was a sick man and he died in the afternoon of that day."

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Miransky honored in concert

TORONTO —

And from sorrow you grow gray in reprimand
What are you a vision, or a land?

From a tribute to Israel in *Lines of Song* by Peretz Miransky.

In two fine spun golden sandals
Strides the sun over the sea.

From *Time Cycle, Yiddish Suite No. 2* by Peretz Miransky and Srul Glick.

His love of nature as a mirror of human yearning is well exemplified in *Time Cycle, Yiddish Suite No. 2* by Yiddish poet Peretz Miransky who collaborated on the work with composer Srul Glick.

Its performance by the Beth Tikvah choir led by Glick was a highlight of the recent gala concert to honor Toronto's ailing poet at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. It was sponsored by the Peretz Miransky Foundation which aids Yiddish writers and artists.

The four movements, *Dawn, A Day, Sunset and Night* were as light and airy as the poetry which inspired them, and in this case the music and the sweet-singing voices were given the needed time and space to comment delightfully on the text. Dorothy Sandler Glick was the accompanist.

As the years go by, Miransky's poem about Israel grows in stature so insightful is it about the events which lay ahead for the new state. Again it is nature which he uses to convey his own love for the country. It was a wise decision by Hindy Abelson to select this poem and to recite it in full in Yiddish.

The three other poems she selected, *The Mouse, The Butterfly and the Rattle* were full of Miransky's sense of fun with birds and animals.

Two of Miransky's poems set to music, *Di Mames and Yiddish* were performed by the talented Gloria Valentine who also sang *Mayn Tatens Nigun* and *Fraytik Oyf der Nakht*. Her rousing encore was *Moishele* by Gebertig. John Henry Nyenhuis was the accompanist.

Cantor Louis Danto sang with the choir and also performed several solos. The audience got an unexpected treat when the innovative conductor Glick led his choir a cappella in two improvised numbers.

Dorothy Sandler Glick played *Nocturne* in E flat Major by Chopin and *Polonaise*. Aaron Fainer was chairman. — B.R.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Life Itself: Abortion in the American Mind by Roger Rosenblatt Random House $25.00

Will the abortion debate tear apart the fabric of American society? Seventy-three percent of Americans polled in 1990 were in favor of abortion rights. Yet, 77 percent in another poll said that they regard abortion as a form of murder. Evidently many people have mixed emotions about the issue.

What about Jews? All Jewish religious groups agree that when the life of the mother is at stake, or even threatened, the fetus must be aborted. The life of the mother has undisputed priority. Danger to life includes psychological, as well as physical hazard. Both physical and mental health stand on the same level of concern.

Where the fetus is in its more highly-developed stage, and ready to begin the birth process, the case for abortion becomes increasingly more difficult.

To sum up, traditional Judaism permits abortion when necessary during the first 40 days of pregnancy. From 40 days until birth the fetus is not considered a living person (nefesh) but is regarded as part of the mother's flesh and aborting it is not considered murder legally, though to be sure, it is an action which should be entered into only after the most careful consideration. Judaism looks on abortion with distaste, discourages and tries to restrict it, but it clearly permits it and permission is what is at issue in the current debate now raging in America.

The Reform movement has, for the most part, accepted the pro-choice position, that the decision to abort must be left to the mother and her physician.

Conservative Judaism frowns upon abortion, but permits it for therapeutic and other reasons to a greater extent than among the Orthodox.

Roger Rosenblatt, essayist and journalist, is most widely known for his perceptive comments on moral and social issues on *The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour*. In this brief but illuminating study he turns to the bitterly divisive issue of abortion and suggests that what we have seen during the past 20 years has been "the political warfare of extremists, not honest discussion among ordinary citizens with differing views."

He traces the 4,000 year history of abortion and explains how diverse cultures confronted the problem and dealt with it. In the United States, doctors were the first to express opposition to abortion, largely in order to weaken the role of the midwife and to gain control over all medical procedures.

In the end, Rosenblatt asserts the pro-choice position, but he insists that the gravity of the act must be seriously considered and that all groups, pro and con, should attempt to eliminate the need for abortion by a program of education and counselling. Through a series of absorbing interviews, the author makes clear that his position is that held by a majority of concerned Americans.

Eloquent and persuasive, Rosenblatt makes clear how a deeply emotional issue can become a manageable conflict.

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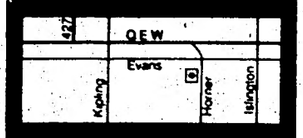

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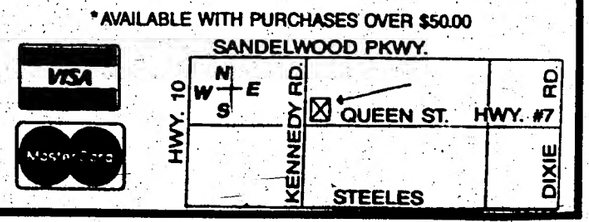

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Eye on Arts

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The film will start at 7:30 p.m.

Admission fee will be $5.

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Jewish choreographer Tama Soble will join two of her counterparts in presenting three new works on love, death and men.

Soble, with Lee Anne Smith, will present *Knocking At the Dragon's Door* May 27 through 30 at the Winchester Street Theatre. It features three premieres: *He* and *Love's Courtyard* by Lee Anne Smith and Soble's *No End*.

No End is a poignant exploration of death, aging and change. Through the juxtaposition of articulate gesture and theatrical athleticism, Soble highlights the contradictions and similarties between the very young and very old.

No End will also be presented in Ottawa at the Northern Telecom 1992 Canada Dance Festival in June.

For reservations and further information call 534-1523.

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Muriel Gold, former artistic director of Montreal's Saidye Bronfman Centre Theatre, now a teacher of acting in McGill University's drama and theatre program, was in Toronto recently for the launching of her new book, *The Fictional Family*.

Muriel Gold

Working from the position that the family forms a common basis for everyone, creation of a fictional family allows students to choose a position or age status in this unit similar or very different from their position in their real-life families.

The myriad possibilities encourage students to develop a number of useful skills valued by would-be-actors, as well as by educators in the field of social work.

The Fictional Family provides the bridge between counselling and drama. Gold hopes to take the technique into the medical field.

The book is available in Toronto at Theatrebooks and at Britnell Book Shop or by calling (514) 932-0026.

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The Live Entertainment Corporation of Canada will present *City of Angels*, the winner of six 1990 Tony Awards at Toronto's O'Keefe Centre from July 21-26.

City of Angels is a musical comedy filled with intrigue, deception and sensuality and stars Barry Williams, star of the popular 1970s television comedy *The Brady Bunch*.

City of Angels recalls the mysterious and romantic Los Angeles of the 1940s and involves two stories which unfold simultaneously. In one, a successful detective novelist is making his first stab at a Hollywood screenplay; in the other, his fictional alter-ego, A Bogart-like shamus, comes to life.

For tickets and further information call 872-2262.

Also on at the O'Keefe Centre this summer is *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber* from August 25-30.

First staged for a limited run in England in 1988, *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber* was subsequently revised and expanded. The next year it premiered in North America in Vancouver and came to the O'Keefe Centre in July 1989.

For further information call 872-2262.

Yiddish films chronicled in book

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Although it seems hard to believe today, Yiddish film once had a loyal and fervent following in Europe and the United States.

In its heyday before World War II, the possibilities for Yiddish cinema seemed limitless. Such films as *Yidl mitn Fidl (Yiddle with his Fiddle)*, *Der Dibek (The Dybbuk)* and *Grine Felder (Green Fields)* drew enthusiastic audiences. The future seemed bright.

But with the destruction of East European Jewish communities in the Holocaust and the waning of Yiddish in America, the Yiddish film industry ceased to exist.

J. Hoberman, a New York movie critic, has written what may be the definitive book on the topic — *Bridge of Light: Yiddish Film Between Two Worlds* (Schocken Books, $50). Thoroughly researched and lavishly illustrated, it is a tour de force. But readers should be forewarned that *Bridge of Light* is rigorously academic in tone and hence not easily accessible. Be that as it may, it is probably the best there is on the market.

Yiddish film, he explains, went through five distinct phases:

•From 1911 until well into World War I, the industry was concentrated in Warsaw (then still part of the Russian Empire), although the New York Yiddish stage provided much of its material. Numerous films were produced, but virtually none survive.

•Between 1917 — the fall of the czar — and 1928, the centre of gravity moved to Poland and the Soviet Union. These films were inspired by the novels of Sholom Aleichem, Isaac Babel and Joseph Opatoshu.

•The third phase, spanning the years 1929 to 1934, took place largely in the United States and, to an extent, in the Soviet Union. The major films were *Uncle Moses, starring* Maurice Schwartz, and *The Return of Nathan Becker*, the only Yiddish talkie to come out of the Soviet Union.

•The fourth, and best-known phase, occurred in Poland in the mid-and late-1930s, and Hoberman considers it the Golden Age of Yiddish cinema. It was notable for such pictures as *The Dybbuk* and *Green Fields*.

•The fifth phase lasted from 1945 until 1950, and was characterized by an unsuccessful attempt to revive the industry in Poland, the United States and Israel.

Movie themes ranged far and wide. Soviet productions often dwelled on the misery in Czarist Russia. Polish films usually drew on chassidic folklore. American movies revolved around family melodrama.

Hoberman argues, quite convincingly, that the films could be self-contradictory. "Images of successful assimilation compete with yearning for the irretrievable simplicity of shtetl life; ancient folkways are savored alongside emblems of Jewish progress beyond superstition."

In Hoberman's view, *Green Fields* was by far the "most prestigious Yiddish property" to be filmed in the United States. He adds that the highwater mark of American Yiddish cinema occurred between the Anschluss in 1938 and the German and Soviet invasions of Poland in 1941.

In terms of audience support, the autumn of 1939 was the most successful period in Yiddish film, featuring such films as *Kol Nidre*, *Mirele Efros* and *Dos Eybiked Folk (The Eternal People)*.

Curiously enough, the first star of Yiddish film in America was an actress of Scotch-Irish background, Irene Wallace. But the giants of the industry were such producers and directors as Joseph Green — a Jew from Lodz — and Edgar Ulmer, a Bohemian Jew who did not even speak Yiddish.

Hoberman says the pair gave Yiddish film "truly international status." Green's *Yiddle with his Fiddle* and Ulmer's *Green Fields* were, he claims, "the most successful Yiddish talkies ever made."

Hoberman connects the failure of Yiddish film in Israel with the government's promotion of Hebrew and its denigration of Yiddish as a relic of the galut. Still, he points out, Hebrew-language films were greatly influenced by Yiddish culture.

Zeitlin receives award

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Zeitlin attended Strathcona Public School, Grace Public School and Central High School of Commerce, moving to New York when she was 20, where, among other jobs, she was public relations director of the Theatre Guild of New York, but she was hankering to write fiction. *Next of Kin* is her second published novel, and a third is completed, awaiting publication.

A book-signing party for *Next of Kin* will be held at Writers and Co., 2005 Yonge St., May 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Zeitlin has one other brother, Harold, who lives in New Mexico.

Her husband, Zvi, an Israeli concert artist, is professor of violin at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester. They have two children, Hillel, head of a drug and alcohol abuse clinic in Baltimore and Leora, a writer who lives in New Mexico.

On visits to Toronto, she spends time with her friend, Shirley Nash, who attended school with her, and two cousins, Annette Cooper and Esther Perl.

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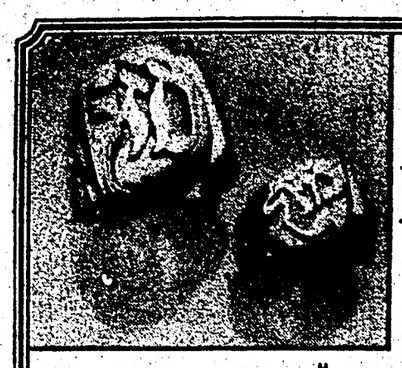

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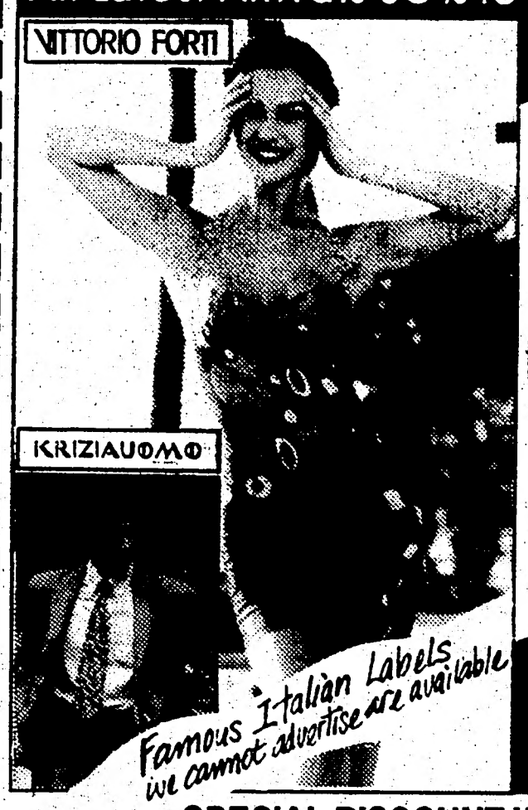

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

I am not in a good mood this Monday morning. I had a root canal done last week, which is bad enough, but the tooth was infected so I spent a lousy weekend in pain feeling sorry for myself. Which is why I don't mind getting after you to support a very worthy venture.

As you know, if you are a regular reader of this column, that I have been talking about **Israel** since I returned last month. I will continue to talk about it until all of you go, so be prepared. This doesn't mean I won't include other things as well, but **Israel** needs you, and even though some of you may not realize it, you need **Israel.**

Okay. I don't know how many of you have ever seen or even heard of the **Israel Ballet.** If you have seen them perform, I need say no more. If you haven't, put this high on your 'must' list. It is the country's only classical ballet company, founded in 1967 and consisting of 30 female and male dancers, all of them superb.

Under the direction of dancer-turned-choreographer **Berta Yampolsky**, they have transformed music into a vision of majestic movement. To say their skill and devotion have made the **Israel Ballet** as unique as the land itself is an understatement. I really can't say enough about them.

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Time stands still at Wannsee villa

By
RON CSILLAG

WANNSEE —

Maybe it's the incongruity of it all. The place is Wannsee, a peaceful, affluent bedroom suburb of Berlin. Across the street, spacious homes have large green lawns on which children gambol. Down the winding lane sits the posh Sanssouci restaurant. Lake Wannsee is so still, it resembles a glass tabletop. It's so quiet that crickets can be heard in the mid-afternoon.

But there are few places in Germany that can chill the spine more than a majestic, cream-colored villa at 58 Am Grossen Wannsee Rd. For it was here, on Jan. 20, 1942, that 15 top Nazi leaders met and, while sipping expensive cognac, coolly planned out the Final Solution to the Jewish Question.

The Wannsee Conference, in fact, marked a turning point for the Third Reich's Jewish quandary. It wasn't the first time the mass extermination of Jews was discussed. That began in January, 1939 with Herman Goering's order to SS chief Reinhard Heydrich concerning the solution to the Jewish problem by "emigration" and "evacuation."

In turn, Heydrich vaguely mentioned the term *Endziel* (final objective) in a September, 1939 order to mobile SS death squads. *Gesamtlosung* (total solution) was what Goering ordered Heydrich to carry out against civilian Jewish populations under Nazi control in July, 1941.

But it was at the Wannsee villa where Heydrich, joined by Adolf Eichmann, pulled all the activities together into one all-out, coordinated effort to kill Jews, and by which means. The new word in Nazispeak was *Endlosung* (the Final Solution).

The meeting, which lasted all of two hours, was re-enacted for the 1987 film *The Wannsee Conference.* If accurate — and it's said the script was based on the minutes taken by a secretary — Heydrich, Eichmann et al enjoyed a sumptuous feast of roast duckling and potatoes, followed by cigars and brandy, before getting down to the business of gas chambers, crematoria and mass machine-gunning.

The villa itself was built in 1914 by a German industrialist. In 1940, it was acquired by the SS and used as a guest house for visiting officers and police.

After the war, it was occupied first by the Soviets and then the Americans, and was then used as a community college and a school vacation home.

Late in 1986, the Berlin Senate offered to establish a Holocaust memorial centre at the site. Last January, on the 50th anniversary of the conference, the building was opened to the public.

Today, between 300 and 400 people, many schoolchildren, come each day to see hundreds of graphic Third Reich photographs depicting death camps, Jewish ghettos and atrocities against women and children. The display is one of the most impressive outside Yad Vashem's in Israel.

Preserved under glass is the actual correspondence between Heydrich and his superiors at the Reich chancellery, summing up the meeting and requesting further instructions.

Presiding over the centre, which includes a library of some 4,000 books, microfilm machines and 14 staffers, is Gerhard Schoenberner, author of *The Yellow Star.*

It cost the Berlin and federal German governments five-million Deutschmarks to renovate the villa, while a further six-million is provided for annual operating expenses.

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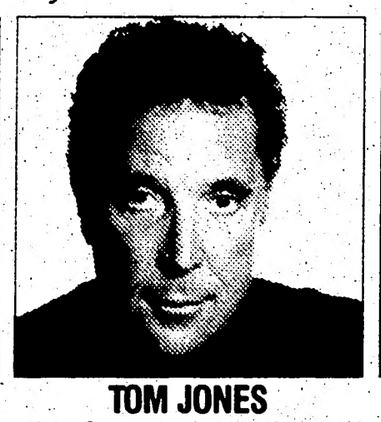

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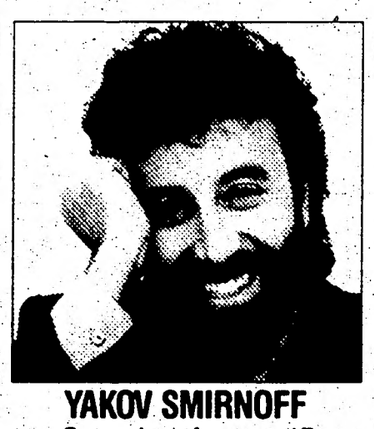

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Another State of Israel Bond launch of the Canadian VRI took place in London, Ont. at the home of Bernie and Beverly Zaifman.

Economic factors tell a hopeful tale of Israel's growth in the 1990s

By
GAD SHIFRON

TEL AVIV —

A fortune conjunction of a variety of economic factors gives high probability to a resurgence of the Israeli economy in the 1990s. Following are nine favorable factors, detailing actual developments and prospects.

A substantial immigration wave, mostly from the Commonwealth of Independent States (previously the U.S.S.R.). This is likely to increase the population by some 20 percent within a five year period, ending in 1994. The immigration level currently is around 6,000 a month. The number of immigrants arriving in the country since the current wave started, in the fall of 1989, exceeds 400,000 and in 1991 around 175,000 newcomers landed in Israel. The official government forecast for 1992 is between 100,000 and 200,000 immigrants.

•The imminency of progress in the peace process.

•The commitment of policy-makers and politicians to the advancement of the privatization process of publicity managed companies.

•An almost universal consensus that liberalization and less restrictive economic policy is the appropriate prescription for a large array of economic difficulties.

Productivity improvement

•A continuous trend of productivity improvement, coupled with wage erosion, in real terms. Both have been taking place since 1989 and are likely to continue through the coming years. These developments result from the high quality of human capital joining the labor force in the 1990s, from both the newcomers and the younger generation.

•The ongoing decline of the external debt as a percent of GDP. This rate fell from over 80 percent in 1984 to under 30 percent in 1991.

•A capital market reform, which stemmed in the late 1980s from the gradual decline of the government's budget deficit. This reform reduced long-term interest rates substantially and enabled corporations to raise capital directly on the bond market.

•Economic policies, especially monetary and exchange rate policies, have become more cohesive, stable and consistent. An expansion of this trend, to other fields of economic policy, will increase certainty and stability. These are necessary to augment investment which, in turn, is crucial for advancing economic activity.

•Israel is the only country benefitting from both a free trade area agreement with the U.S. and a special arrangement with the European community.

These factors enable us to predict a trend of substantial economic growth in the 1990s. This trend has already commenced with business sector GDP rising some 5.8 percent, adjusted for inflation, in 1991. The growth rate is anticipated to accelerate as the new immigrants adjust to a Western, relatively advanced, economic system.

Dr. Gad Shifron is the chief economist, Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M.

Event teaches children about smart shopping

TORONTO —

This year, National Consumer Week provided a special opportunity for parents and caregivers to help children learn the basics of shopping smart.

The theme of the event, which ran from April 27 to May 2, was National Consumer Week — It's everybody's business. This reminder that everyone has a stake in a marketplace could be used as a starting point for many fun and worthwhile activities for kids.

Some people say only children who are old enough to earn their own money need consumer education. But Carolyn Lentz, education co-ordinator at Ontario's Consumer Ministry, disagrees.

"Studies show the wants of children as young as 4 are affected by advertisements, especially those on television," she says. "Even at that age, children can influence what their parents buy. If they're old enough to have an active part in purchasing decisions, they're old enough to begin learning the skills that will make them wise consumers for a lifetime."

Lentz suggests the most important basic skill for small children is the ability to distinguish needs from wants. The following activities for 4- to 6-year-olds will help teach this skill. They're fun for kids alone or in small groups.

•Have the children make a consumer-week poster calendar. Block off squares for each day large enough to draw or paste on pictures of different items they like, and talk about the uses of these items. At the end of the week, talk about which of the items is most important and why.

•A trip to the grocery store can be turned into learning time instead of "I want" time if you focus conversation on the importance of the things you want to buy. (This can also help curb parents' urges to impulse buy.)

•"Playing store" is a game that grows up as children develop. It can also help teach the value of money, needs versus wants and how to make change.

Seven- to 9-year-olds are anxious to explore the world beyond their doorsteps. Lentz suggests some activities to take them outside the home.

•Decide upon a savings goal — something the children need or want — and then open a savings account at a bank, trust company or credit union. Many financial institutions have excellent written materials for children, and most will take the time to answer their questions. You may want to make an appointment in advance of the visit.

Prepare lists

•Save product samples delivered to your home until you have enough varieties for children to compare their qualities. On the next trip to the grocery store, compare the prices. This can lead to a discussion on unit pricing.

•Ask the children to act out their favorite television advertisement and then talk about how it makes the product more attractive. At a store, compare the actual item with the ad claims.

•Ask a local shopkeeper to let the children watch how things work from behind the counter — when the store's not busy. Before the trip, help the children prepare lists of questions to ask.

Kids 10-years-old and up can become more actively involved in the marketplace. They may enjoy some of these National Consumer Week activities.

•Ask the children to choose products they're interested in and get them to compare prices, quality and warranties and guarantees of various brands.

Quality of service

•Have them write letters to compliment a favorite store on its quality of service. They can mention what features make shopping there enjoyable, easier and more convenient.

•Ask the children to write a list of ways they think they influence family spending, then dicuss it with them.

•In a grocery store, ask the children to compare similar prepared foods in size, unit price and content.

•Have the kids use a home computer to calculate the cost of credit for a major purchase and compare the final price over 12-, 24- and 36-month payments.

•Ask older children to design and paint posters demonstrating the consumer-week theme.

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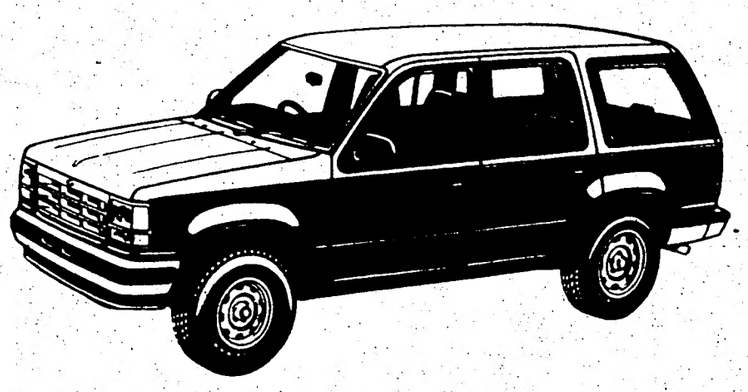

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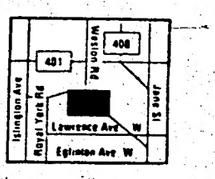

Oy, to be a rich man

By
STEVE RANOT

TORONTO —

Broadway and movie buffs will recall the famous lament of Tevyeh, the milkman, in *Fiddler On The Roof*, who sang *If I were a Rich Man*. Of course, if Tevyeh lived today in Ontario, he might be singing a different tune.

In the adaptation of the Sholom Aleichem story, Tevyeh was the father of three girls. If today's Tevyeh was employed in the dairy industry in Southern Ontario, he would probably not be considered a wealthy, wealthy, man, if, as the sole breadwinner for the family, he earned approximately $53,000. That is, not by anyone except the federal and provincial income tax authorities.

In 1992, Tevyeh's wife, Golda, would receive family allowance of $419 annually for each of their three daughters under the age of 19. However, if Tevyeh were to earn more than about $53,000 in 1992, he would be required to repay all or part of the benefits received.

As the dairy industry has been hit just as hard as other industries in this recession, Tevyeh worries about his position as a cart-driver at Anatevka Dairies Ltd., but at least he knows that should he lose his job as a result of layoffs, he can count on support from unemployment insurance to which he has contributed for years. Alas, if Tevyeh is laid-off near the end of the calendar year and his earnings already in excess of approximately $54,000, not only will his UI benefits be taxable, but he will have to pay as much as 30 percent of the benefits themselves.

Tevyeh now feels as if all this talk of claw-back is making him age rapidly. Not even that will help poor (should we say rich) Tevyeh, as at his income level the old-age security benefits are also subject to repayment.

The GST may not have harmed the dairy industry as most of its products are zero-rated. However, many of Tevyeh's personal expenditures rose by the 7 percent tax.

Turning to the GST credit, Tevyeh, once again, learns that he is not eligible, as a married father of three earning more than $42,000 is considered too wealthy to qualify.

As a result of Mr. Laughren's most recent budget, Tevyeh was hardly surprised to learn that he is also considered "well-to-do" by the provincial tax authorities. For 1992, taxpayers earning in excess of $53,281 may be subject to the Ontario surtax.

In times of trouble, Tevyeh has been known to consult the spirit of his wife's late grandmother, Tzeitel, who, at this time, advises him to start his own dairy business. Tzeitel correctly points out that many more deductions are available to a self-employed individual than an employed individual. As Tzeitel is very learned in both the Talmud and the Income Tax Act, Tevyeh decides to heed her advice. After all, he rationalizes, even if he makes a little bit less he will still be ahead after tax, because of the additional deductions available to him.

Oy, who wants to break the sad news to Tevyeh that beginning in 1993, the employer health tax will begin to be levied on self-employed individuals earning in excess of $40,000.

Upon learning this, Tevyeh turns to the Ontario Treasurer and asks "Floyd, with all these taxes, I no longer wish to be a rich man. But why do you continue to raise taxes?"

Floyd responds, "That's easy, I can answer that in one word — Tradition."

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BUSINESS BEAT

Maclean's magazine has dipped into the academic world for a new publisher (*The Toronto Star*, April 28).

The weekly newsmagazine announced that Brian Segal, president of the University of Guelph, will become publisher and vice-president of its parent company, Maclean Hunter Publishing on Sept. 1.

He will replace James Warrillow, who will concentrate on running the publishing company as president.

Segal, in the fourth year of a five-year term as university president, has no experience in publishing but says that should not hinder him in the new job.

A former president of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Segal was a professor of social work at Ottawa's Carlton University, a senior policy advisor to the National Museums of Canada and an adviser to the federal Department of Communications on international telecommunications policy.

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Mayor David Johnson of East York has created the Mayor's Economic Development Task Forces to foster new economic development in the borough.

In addition, the task forces are designed to recommend municipal actions necessary to retain existing businesses, support real estate development and to encourage businesses to locate in East York.

The forces, which will meet until June, will examine the two major business districts of the Leaside-Thorncliffe area and the O'Connor area.

It is the aim of the borough to be proactive in this recessionary economy, and to gather the ideas and views of those companies with the largest current or potential future business investment in East York about how the borough can create a municipal environment that fosters business growth.

Companies represented on the task force include Coca-Cola, Colgate-Palmolive Canada Inc., Goldlist Development Corp., Alcatel Canada Wire, Tremco Canada Ltd., Revenue Properties, Kosmor Construction Lts., Veratec Canada Inc. and Christie Brown/Peek Freans.

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First runner-up for the 1991 National Business Book Award is Michael Marrus for *Mr. Sam*.

No less controversial than the man himself, Marrus's portrait of Seagram Co. founder Samuel Bronfman raised some hackles on its way to being honored by the National Business Book Award.

Marrus, an internationally acclaimed author and professor of history at the University of Toronto, received a research grant and access to the personal papers from the Bronfman family. In return, he gave the family the opportunity to read the pre-publication draft of the book.

Despite the unusual relationship between subject and writer, *Mr. Sam* has been applauded for displaying the usual high academic standards of the writer. Most recently, Marrus also won the Wallace K. Ferguson award and the Joseph Tanenbaum prize for his book *The Holocaust in History*.

Juvenile Diabetes group to conduct annual fundraiser

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

Hundreds of caring Canadian corporate executives have circled the last week in May on their calendars.

That's when the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada (JDFC) will conduct its annual national fundraising event, the Delta/Perrier Drive for Diabetes. The event will be held in 12 cities across the country during Canada's Fitness Week which runs from May 22 - 31.

Now in its fourth year, the drive involves business men and women riding stationary bicycles in teams of four, each team member riding for 10 minutes. Pledges for JDFC are collected by participants. Incentive prizes are awarded for pledges collected and for the farthest distance cycled.

In Toronto, the drive will take place outside the Delta Chelsea Inn on May 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and more than 100 teams have already registered.

"I'm delighted with the business community's enthusiasm for the drive this year," says Nancy McCarthy, chairman of the Delta /Perrier Drive for Diabetes.

"Last year we raised $155,000, this year our goal is $200,000."

Since its founding in 1974, JDFC has contributed more than $23 million to diabetes research. In Canada alone, more than 1.5 million people have diabetes; approximately 150,000 Canadians have Type 1 or juvenile diabetes, the most severe form of the disease.

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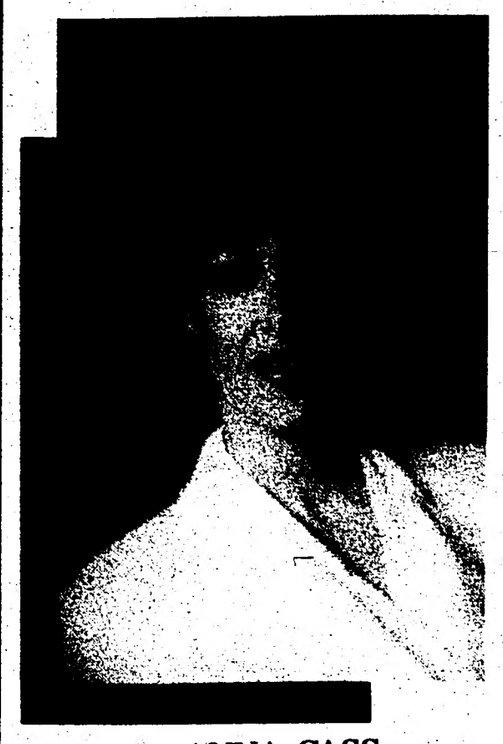

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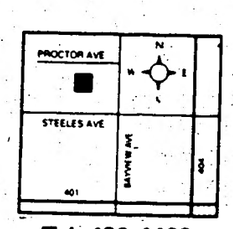

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Haifa University president Ozer Schild, 2nd from left, congratulates honoree Mike Feldman, flanked by Haifa University graduates Ronni Akalie and Meseret Shibru. [Alron Photo]

Friends of Haifa U honor Michael Feldman

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

The Canadian Friends of Haifa University doesn't plan a dinner very often, but when it does, the dinner is a memorable one, if the tribute to Michael Feldman held recently at the Sheraton Centre is any indication.

Feldman, who was honored for his service to the community and the State of Israel, joined a group of previous honorees including George Cohon, Monty Hall, and the late Ray Wolfe. Proceeds (over $250,000) from the dinner, the first to be held in Toronto in six years, will be used to endow the Michael C. Feldman Chair in national security studies in the School of Political Science at the university.

In a heartfelt tribute to her father, Debra Feldman-Pottens talked about his fatherly wisdom and devotion to his family, and praised his work as chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Development Corporation, which develops and manages 20,000 affordable units in 91 buildings in Metro Toronto. Feldman's dedication has extended to "going to local community hostels in the middle of the night to talk to people about their states of homelessness," said Feldman-Pottens.

It was definitely a family evening for the Feldmans — 4-year-old granddaughter Sophie Bain presented flowers to Feldman's wife Sue, and grandsons Ari and Matthew Pottens said Hamotzi.

North York's mayor Mel Lastman brought greetings from his council, in which Feldman has been involved, having chaired both the committee of adjustment and the Planning Board in the City of North York. He has also been actively involved with the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, the Reena Foundation, the Ileitis and Colitis Research Foundation, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. He is currently a vice-president of Canadian Friends of Haifa University.

Three speakers had travelled from Israel solely for the tribute dinner: Ozer Schild, president of the university; Meseret Shibru and Ronni Akalie, who immigrated from their native Ethiopia in 1984 and graduated from the university's School of Social Work two years ago.

Shibru, 25, works for the Jewish Agency helping to absorb Russian and Ethiopian olim. She told of arriving in Israel at the age of 17 with her sister and studying Hebrew at an ulpan before entering university. She is grateful to the university for giving her opportunities such as the preparatory program for Ethiopian olim.

"It was a hard time for me and my family," said Shibru, speaking less of the struggle to become established than of the depression she faced as her mother remained in prison in Ethiopia for two years. She had been jailed as a result of her work on behalf of the Ethiopian Jewish community. She credits the people at Haifa University for helping her through this difficult period.

Akalie, a captain in the IDF, told the 400 people at the dinner, "I came to my country, Yisrael, in 1984, through Sudan.... Everything was new for me — the language, the food, the culture, the weather."

He pointed out the significance of Haifa University to olim, because of its location in the northern part of Israel, where a large percentage of olim live.

Schild, in his capacity as president of the university, presented Feldman with an honorary fellowship.

Toronto Sun president Paul Godfrey was dinner chairman and master of ceremonies for the evening. Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, sang the Birkat Hamazon.

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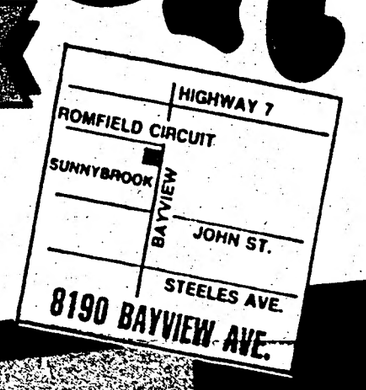

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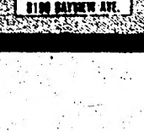
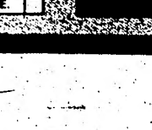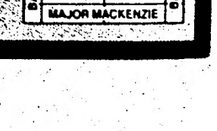
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